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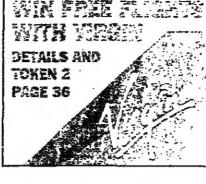
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A-level record sparks standards row

EDUCATION CURRENPONDENT

A-LEVEL pass rates are set to rise to record levels this month, boosted by the first major set of grades frum

test as you go modular courses.

Ministers have been told to expect a leap of at least two percentage points in the pass rate and are braced for renewed charges that the "gold standard" of A level is being croded.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, will argue that the best-ever results

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students. But she is already preparing to tighten standards on the new-style courses, which critics insist are much easier to pass.

Better grades will trigger a scramble for places at traditional universities once results are published on August 15, as students are forced to compete for fewer vacancies in popular subjects.

Up to one in seven of this summer's 750,000 A-level entries is from a modular course, where students are examined as soon as they complete each unit of the course - roughly equivalent to a term's work. Students can retake units as many times as they like and research has shown that the typical candidate achieves one grade higher than on a traditional A-level course examined after two vears' study.

The pass rate has risen steadily from 72 per cent in 1987 to 84 per cent last year. However, an inquiry ordered by Mrs Shephard into standards after last year's record grades has been delayed until the autumn. Officials say exam papers from earlier decades have been

hard to find, but they were also keen to distance publication from this year's results in case it cast doubt on students' achievements.

The Times has learnt that Mrs Shephard will act in the autumn to curb the unlimited number of times a student can re-take units of modular A levels. This has been criticised as giving candidates an unfair advantage, and in most subjects only one retake per unit

Mrs Shephard is also considering a suggestion from Sir Ron Dearing, her chief curriculum ad-

viser, to ensure that half of a modular A level is examined at the end of the course instead of the current maximum of 30 per cent.

In another of a series of measures to answer the critics, examination boards will have to provide a wider range of questions for each modular unit to make "question-

sporting" more difficult.

Modular courses have become hugely popular with sixth-formers since they were launched in mathematics, and this year's results are the first since they became widely available in English and the scilevels completed this summer were modular - around 50,000 candidates - as well as half of all science courses, approximately 65,000 entrants, and one in ten English A levels, around \$,500 students.

In the only major study of standards in modular A levels, University of Newcastle researchers found the average grade in mathematics was C, compared to D on conventional courses. Only 4 per cent of modular candidates failed, compared with 22 per cent on traditional courses. Supporters

motivates students to work throughout the sixth form for exams, rather than encouraging cramming at the end of two years'

Mrs Shephard recently showed her exasperation at criticism of the continuing rise in A-level grades. "If there is an improvement in marks it will be that the exams have got easier. If they are worse, it will be 'We told you so'." she said. "It would be good, if there is an improvement, if some people thought fit to say so."

Pressure grows for **US** raids on Tehran

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

REPUBLICAN leaders in America, placing pressure on the Clinton Administration, last night urged military strikes against reported terrorist camps in Iran if the United Nations failed to persuade Tehran to close them.

The bellicose response from Capitol Hill came amid reports that calls and transmissions tracked by the CIA out of Tehran had "raised suspicions" of an Iranian connection to the TWA Flight 800 crash in which all 230 passengers and crew died.

Mounting evidence of the regime's involvement in the tragedy off Long Island last month and the attack on American forces in Saudi Arabia in June came after confirmation by the Pentagon yesterday that the detonator and explosives which killed 19 American airmen in Dhahran indicated the hand of interna-

tional sponsorship. American forces in the region have been placed on the nighest alert status for fear of further raids and the Clinton Administration is viewing as 'very serious" a new threat of high-powered transportable mortars, said to be made in

Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, demanded that the UN take immediate action to close II training camps in Iran, reported to have trained guerrillas who bombed Amer-

The Times on the Internet http://www.the-times.co.uk



ican military targets in Riyadh last November and, most recently, in Dhahran. "If the Iranians refuse to close them down, I think that there are a number of military means capable of closing them down," said Mr Gingrich

referring to the possibility of American military and air strikes against Iran. Although William Perry, the Defence Secretary, said no connection had been made between the Dhahran bombing and the TWA crash, a report in Time magazine today quotes a well-placed American intelligence source stating that the CIA and FBI, who have

air disaster The CIA is analysing its own intelligence and that of the National Security Agency on a meeting of terrorist leaders in Iran the month before the crash to see if a green light was given for the

attack.

been monitoring all communications out of Iran, are suspi-cious of an Iranian link to the

At the same time, the FBI is looking at the movements of Hussein Mikdad, an alleged Hezbollah terrorist purportedly backed by Iran. In April, Ar Mikdad flew from Zurich to Tel Aviv with bomb parts hidden in hand luggage. Eight days later he blew off his legs while assembling a bomb in an east Jerusalem hotel. FBI agents are now being dispatched to Israel to study his methods for any signs of bomberaft that may be traced to Flight 800.

Ali Akbar Velayati, Iran's Foreign Minister yesterday wrote to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, asking him to take action against what he called an American campaign accusing his country of terrorism.

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The Princess Royal with her husband Tim Lawrence talking to the Duke of Edinburgh on their way back to Britannia at Cowes. Page 5

BMA backs doctor who aborted twin

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

DOCTORS' leaders last night defended as ethical a leading obstetrician's decision to abort a healthy twin whose single mother cannot cope with two

The British Medical Association described the case as "no different from any other abortion" but churchmen and prolife campaigners condemned the operation as horrific and

morally wrong. Professor Phillip Bennett, of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, west London, describes his patient as a 28-year-old woman who already has one child and is in straitened circumstances. It is believed to be the first "selective termination" of its kind in Britain.

The operation is usually performed in cases of artificially fertilised multiple preg-

Garden expert dies after fall

Geoff Hamilton, presenter of Gardeners' World and Britain's best-known gardener, died yesterday after falling from his bike during a charity

cycle ride. Mr Hamilton, 59, from Rutland, who has presented the show on BBC2 since 1979, collapsed while riding near Merthyr Tydfil. He had suffered a heart attack a year

Balloch cashes in on Oasis

More than 80,000 Oasis fans engulfed the tiny Loch Lo-mond-side town of Balloch for a two-day extravaganza.

Local people cashed in with farmers letting fields for parking at £5 a time and camping at £10 a tent. The Balloch Professor Bennett told the Hotel sold five times as much beer as in a normal week and Sunday Expresss that the sinthe parish priest put on two extra Masses...... Pages 5, 15 Continued on page 2, col 6

How to teach your old dog new tricks

By Russell Jenkins

SCIENTISTS have discovered that pet owners can turn their dogs into smarter animals by treating them like sheepdogs, police alsatians or guard dogs. Owners are being encouraged to play sophisticated hunting games with their pets

so as to put the animals back

in touch with their instincts.

Animal behaviourists at a pet therapy conference at Cambridge University were told that, in a scientific comparison with working dogs, the average household dog has grown enfeebled by an overdependence on its master. Working dogs, which have to sleep outside, are simply smarter, more alert and inquisitive than the pampered

golden labrador. Pet therapists have devised a "tough-love" regime to re-

solve the canine-identity crisis. Dr Anthony Podberscek, of the University of Cambridge veterinary school, said owners who treated dogs like people could cause behavioural problems in their pets. Under the

regime, dogs are not allowed

to sleep in owners' bedrooms

or to sit on their laps when

they watch television. A team of academics from L Ectvos University, in Javorka, Hungary, took 16 companion dogs and 12 working dogs and, in the presence of their owners, asked them to forage for a "hidden" dish of food. Working dogs were much more successful at finding the food while the pets simply looked helplessly at their owners for guidance on what to do.

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Olympic Britons forced to sell kit

BY JOHN GOODBODY

TWO British divers have been so desperate for money that they have been forced to sell their official Olympic kit to local Americans,

As the debate continues on the underfunding of British sport in the wake of the worst performance at the Olympics since 1952, Robert Morgan and Tony Ali, who are unemployed, spent the weekend barrering with tourists to raise money for a night out to celebrate the end of the Games.

Morgan, 29, the 1990 Commonwealth high-board champion, said: "We are skint. We are desperate for money. We have no sponsorship and we are selling the gear to have a

night out." Morgan, 13th in the highboard competition, gets an elite £15,000 grant from the Sports Aid Foundation to cover training expenses. Ali, 22. who trains with Morgan in Sheffield, and finished 18th in the springboard competition, receives less than £5,000 from the foundation.

Juan Antonio Samaranch. the president of the International Olympic Committee, yesterday told Welt am Sonniag, a German newspaper, that the Games could have been better and he would not support a privately-funded

Olympics again.
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are performed annually in the

The Department of Health

said it was legal for Professor

Bennett to terminate the 16-

week-old foetus because the

Abortion Act would have let

Howard Tripp, Roman

Catholic auxiliary bishop of

Southwark, said: "Both twins

have an equal right to life, and

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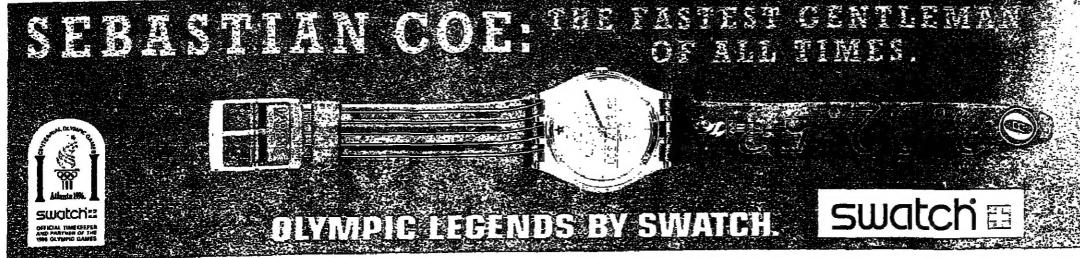
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Fears persist of Labour spending

Wavering Tory supporters drift back to the fold

WAVERING Tory voters are beginning to return to the fold, according to a City survey that shows the persistence of tradi-tional fears over Labour's tax-

and-spend policies.

The elusive "feelgood" factor finally appears to have returned and, had its effect on the voting intentions of the 1,000 people surveyed who voted Conservative at the last

But the poll shows that the Tories failure to rule out a single currency before the next election could could cost John Major dear. Up to 30 per cent of the waverers were prepared to consider voting for Sir James Goldsmith's Referen-

Yesterday, Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, gave warning that a decision on a single currency could not be postponed for too long. Pressed on his views by the GMTV Sunday programme, Mr Portillo stuck to the gov-ernment line that the question of whether to join a European monetary union could be deferred, but added: "This is a big decision and it is coming. The decision as to whether we



should join a first wave is coming quite soon." Despite the Conservatives' troubles over Europe, the party's policies were preferred by 59 per cent of those asked, compared with only 15 per cent who preferred Labour.

The survey, which was conducted for James Capel, the

Cabinet divided on handgun ban

By ANDREW PIERCE

A CABINET split has opened over the private ownership of handguns, regardless of the result of the Dunblane massacre inquiry. Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, is urging a total ban, but Michael Howard, the Home Secretary. is pressing for the Government to accept the recommendations of Lord Cullen even if they fall short of a prohibition on possession of guns above

The Prime Minister, who visited Dunblane with Michael Forsyth, the local MP, is widely thought to back an outright ban. One party offi-cial said: "I have heard him say: "I don't understand why people need to have guns at

Labour is poised to exploit the issue by forcing a Com-mons vote after the summer recess, to try to flush out the pro-gun looby on the Conservative backbenches. Mr Howard has made clear he would override Tory MPs' objections and bring forward the necessary legislation to ban hand-guns, if Lord Cullen's report concludes that is the best solution. Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, announced at the weekend that Labour would bring in legislation after the general election to ban handguns irrespective of the result of the inquiry.

Mr Major is furious that the issue has become the centre of party politicking with the Labour Party. A Tory official said: "We play by different sets of rules. We wait for the result of the Dunblane inquiry. Labour is making political capital before the report is even completed."

Both Mr Major and Mr Howard have distanced themselves from the six Tory MPs on the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee who argued last week that a ban would be impractical. Reports that they were being used by ministers to test the reaction were dismissed last night. "It was a cock-up not a conspira-

tive signs of a Tory revival. Support for the Tories among those who voted for them last time is 79 per cent, the highest figure since the private quarerly surveys began in April "The big improvement in the feelgood factor, which we first noted in January, has been sustained and, against a background, where house prices and consumer spending are reviving, appears to be filtering through the to the political preferences of our panel. Our poll is starting to

search Business, shows tenta-

the last election," the survey The Labour leadership will be dismayed by the results. Voters on the panel have not been convinced by the intensive propaganda drive to banish the image of Labour as the party of high spending and

suggest that the Tories may

have turned the corner with

those who voted for them in

The increase in Tory support coincides with an 10 per cent rise over the same period to 76 per cent in the number of voters who feared they would

pay more taxes under Labour. The survey divides the voters into "lost Tories" who are pro-Tony Blair and the "waverers" who are on the Eurosceptic wing of the party and inclined to vote for the Referendum Party.

However, even loyal Tories on the panel are not convinced Mr Major can win enough support from these groupings to be returned to power; 47 per cent believe that Labour will win the election. Taxation, trade unions, law

and order, and Labour's left wing remained the biggest fears that Conservative voters had of a Blair government. The survey showed that 15 per cent of the panel found Mr

Blair "insincere" and not "trustworthy". Labour only outscored the Tories over the health service but Stephen Dorrell, the

Health Secretary, will take the fight to Labour with the publication in the autumn of a White Paper. It will make clear that the radical reforms of the past decade are over. Mr Dorrell's plans include

improving supervision for the mentally ill by creating more units with 24-hour nursing cover and an increase in the number of local cottage

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Aborted twin

Continued from page I tion rather than giving birth to both babies. Killing one healthy twin sounds unethical. But my colleagues and I concluded this week that it would be better to terminate one pregnancy as soon as possible and leave one alive than to lose two babies."

Vivienne Nathanson, head of ethics at the BMA, said: The legislation is there to say that babies born when the women don't want them are often psychologically harmed. I don't think there's really any difference between performing an abortion to leave no foetus and reducing a twin to a

Dr Nathanson pointed out that nature often destroys one twin. "A lot of babies born as singletons started off as a twin pregnancy. They don't seem to come to any harm."

tan Craft, director of the London Gynaecology and Fertility Centre in Harley Street. one of the first British doctors to perform selective terminations for medical reasons. said: "It is not an easy job to do from a doctor's perspective because you have to make a decision which foetus will

"When you have to reduce one of two or two of four, you

He aborted a twin from a 45year-old woman who had suffered seven miscarriages, the latest of them at 25 weeks. She was unable to carry

perform selective abortions

It is a difficult operation which only a handful of British experts can perform. There is a risk of the whole pregnancy aborting if things go wrong. Professor Bennett, who is childless, was given a newly

January to keep him in Britain after attempts to peach him by the United States and Canada.

Jack Scarisbrick, chairman of Life, the anti-abortion campaigners, said: "Commonly a sibling intuits that a brother or sister is missing. What does

twins because of cervical problems. On New Year's Day eight years ago, her other twin was born healthy.

One German doctor had to

after a woman on fertility drugs became pregnant with 12 babies.

created professor's chair a Queen Charlotte's Hospital in

A Christian who regularly attended church as a child he has performed 3,000 abortions in 10 years, and delivered almost as many live

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Woman killed in pothole accident

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A potholer was among four people killed at the weekend while taking part in various activities. Christine Bleakley, 24, for Irvinestown. Co Fermanagh, slipped off a rope ladder while decsending Quaking Pot in the Yorkshire Dales. In Snowdonia. a 33year-old climbing instructor from Suffolk died when he fell from a crag while climbing with a companion or 2,527ft Moelwyn Mawr.

The pilot of a micro-light aircraft died when it crashed into high-voltage electricity cables and burst into flames at Wyke Champflower, Som-erset, and a cyclist taking part in a time trial road race was killed in a crash with a coach at Boreham. Essex. The men have not been named.

Essex pimpernel

A 14-year-old girl who sparked an international police search after she ran away from her Essex bome to see her boyfriend in France was sent back to Britain yesterday. Clair Syddall had stowed away on a Channel ferry when the young French Brittany failed to reply to her

Fans wreck ferry

Two people were arrested at football fans rioted on a Channel ferry after being thrown out of France. About 100 Portsmouth fans were returning on the P&O ferry after a friendly match against Athletico Le Havre on Saturday. The match had been abandoned after fans invaded the pitch.

Safety campaign

National Condom Week starts today — with celebrities belping to spread the word about safe sex. The campaign follows a report that nearly one in five 16 and 17-year-olds had unprotected sex last year. Supporters of the campaign include Blur. Kim Wilde, Sting, Linford Christie, Chris Tarrant and Dr Hilary

Prison warning

the Government yesterday of possible outbreaks of disorder because of overcrowding. Chris Scott, chairman of the Prison Governors' Association has called on Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, for a cut in the prison population in England and Wales - now a record 56,000, up 5,000 from last year.

Bristow charged

Eric Bristow, the darts player, has been charged with assaulting a television lighting technician after an incident at a Blackpool hotel, police said yesterday. Bristow, in the resort for the World Matchplay Championship, will face Blackpool magistrates on September 13 accused of assault and a minor public order offence.

Sand, sea and ...

Blackpool is Britain's sexiest seaside resort, while Rhyl and Weston-super-Mare are the least raunchy, according to a survey published yesterday. Torquay was second, and Bournemouth third. The findings come from a survey commissioned by condom company Durex of 1.350 adults asked to name the hottest resort for sex.

BSE link to milk dismissed

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

TO WIN FREE FLIGHTS

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EVERY DAY THIS WEEK: COLLECT

TOKENS FOR YOUR CHANCE

THE Agriculture Ministry yesterday dismissed claims that mad-cow disease (BSE) could be carried in milk and denied that ministry scientists were conducting new

The claims, published in a newspaper report yesterday, were untrue, a ministry spokesman said. We are happy that milk is safe, the Spongiform Encepalopathy Advisory Committee (Seac) is happy, and the Chief Medical Officer is happy," he said. The ministry bases its confidence on research carried out by scientists from the institutes for Animal Health in Edinburgh

and Newbury, Berkshire, and the Central Veterinary Laboratory in Weybridge, Surrey. The results were published in the Veterinary Record in June 1995.

The team fed milk from cows with BSE to mice for 40 days, then observed the mice for a further two years. They also injected milk from a BSE-infected cow into the brains and skin of mice, a route which is far more likely to cause infection. These mice, too, were observed for periods of up to two years.

No signs of the disease appeared in any of the mice, the team reported. The amount of milk the mice were given to drink was equivalent to a human being drinking a pint of milk a day from an infected cow for almost seven years. Dr Haresh Narang, a scientist who has been a persistent critic of the ministry over BSE, described these tests as "worthless". He says that milk should have been fed not to ·mice, which cannot drink a great deal of it, but to mink, which can consume as much as the average

However, the fact that infection was not passed on through injected material suggests that milk is safe. The injection route is estimated to be 20,000 times more efficient than the oral route in causing infection. The same strain of mice injected with other organs from infected cows, such as brain and spinal cord, have developed the disease.

Lilley hotline against cheats

By Andrew Pierce

PLANS for a national telephone hotline for confidential information on suspected benefit cheats are to he announced today by Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, as he announces that savings from detected benefit fraud virtually doubled to almost \$1.4 billion in the last finan-

cial year. The scale of the attempted fraud was up from £717 million last year. Only three weeks ago, the Government closed down a hotline handling inquiries about benefit

Mr Lilley hopes to save tens of millions pounds more from the establishment of the new hotline for

tip-offs. He will unveil the first of thousands of posters which proclaim: "Know a benefit rip-off. Give us a telephone tip-off." The point

newspaper advertisements. Henry McLeish, Labour social security spokesman, said yesterday that the new hotline could lead to a spate of malicious calls. "I suspect in terms of civil liberties there may be a problem." Liberty, the civil rights organisation, made clear that the initiative did not appear to infringe anyone's personal freedoms.

will be driven home in a series of

Statistics due to be released iomorrow by the Unemployment Unit, an independent research group, show that a record number unemployed people have had their benefits cut in the past two

About 238,000 claimants had benefit reduced or removed for not meeting jobseeking conditions to be available for work, and 79,000 loss money for not attending or completing "remotivation" courses. They are compulsory for the long-term unemployed who refuse to take up the offer of a place on a mainstream government scheme.

Oliver Heald, a Social Security Minister, said: "This hotline will be self-financing and it gives people the opportunity to be the eyes and ears

He added that Pilot schemes in 21 areas since April had brought "an overwhelming response"

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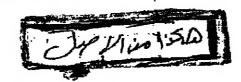
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Fears for missing **Briton as Chechen** rebels deny kidnap

FEARS were growing last, night for the safety of a British relief worker kidnapped in Chechenia after the French aid organisation for which he works said that it would be unable to pay a ransom. Michael Penrose, 23, from

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Swerford, Oxfordshire, and his colleague, Frederic Malardeau, 35, were seized on July 27 while driving to their office in Grozny, the capital of the rebel republic which is at war with Russia. The Foreign Of-fice in London said that it was working closely with the Russian authorities, which have set up a task force to find the two men, as well as the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, which has a mission in Grozny.

José Bitgin, the head of Mr Penrose's agency, International Action Against Hunger, said that he had not received any ransom demands and could not confirm the Russian report that the unidentified gunmen were demanding £300,000 for the release of his staff. He said: "For the time being no one has contacted us, we have received no ransom demand. In any case, sums like that ... We work in the

bombed villages in southern

Chechenia yesterday, killing

or wounding dozens of people,

As a result of the attack, the

Chechen rebel command re-

fused to meet a Russian dele-

gation that had travelled to Chechenia, according to Mos-

cow Echo radio. "Under current conditions, the leadership

cannot meet with the Russian

side without running the risk responsibility for the bloody

criminal acts committed by

the occupation army," the

spokesman, Movladi Udugov.

The Interfax news agency

quoted him as saying that the

raids had centred on the

villages of Borzoi and Guchin-

a Chechen guerrilla spokes-

man said.

rebels that they are involved.

The parents of the kidnapped Briton, David and Yvonne Penrose, who also have a student daughter, declined to comment. At the door of his house Mr Penrose, who is acting on the advice of the Foreign Office, said: "We don't want the press involved in this. The Foreign Office is dealing with everything for us.

Locating the gunmen responsible and winning the elease of the two kidnap victims is likely to be complicated by the deteriorating Russian air raid

> Saturday. Earlier this year gummen eized two members of the Médecins sans Frontières organisation in Chechenia, but released them unharmed after

A Foreign Office spokesman said: "We are in close contact

Chechen Interior Ministry. said: "We received a phone call from someone who said he saw armed men bundle the two foreigners into a car in Grozny. Nobody has claimed responsibility."



not to pay racketeers." Interfax, the Russian news agency, reported that a telephone caller, identifying him-self as Bolat Adayev, claimed responsibility for the abduction and demanded \$500,000 (£300,000). Uncertainty over the men's fate was compounded by a denial by the Chechen

region of Shatoi, 25 miles

He gave no precise casualty

toll and there was no immedi-

are independent confirmation

of the reported bombing. The

Chechen side "sees no alterna-

tive to a peaceful political solution in the republic",

Interfax quoted Mr Udugov as

A Russian delegation led by

the Nationalites Minister,

Vyacheslav Mikhailov, arri-

and said that it was willing to

meet Chechen guerrilla lead-

ers. Fighting in the southern

region, where Russian troops

have been deployed since De-

cember 1994, has intensified

since President Yeltsin was re-

last month. (AFP)

south of Grozny.

Interfax report that a ransom demand had come in a call from the southern Russian town of Krasnodar. The Foreign Office said that it could not comment. We just want to be left alone." David Lang, 44, a neigh-Talks delayed after

security situation in Chechenia, where Russian forces have kept up a recent offensive against rebel villages. The two men were bundled into a car by six gummen, but their abduction was not reported until

munity will be shocked by this. David and Yvonne are

very much part of the village. Michael is a very nice and dedicated lad. He is very

iust a couple of weeks ago just

are with the family and I am

sure they know everyone will

do anything they can to help."

Mr Bitgin said that Interna-tional Action Against Hunger

had been working in

Chechenia since November,

providing food to civilians

"without discrimination". It

has set up soup kitchens in

Grozny and other villages and

its staff there consists of four

foreigners, including the two

kidnapped men, and 50 locals.

The non-political and non-

religious agency was founded

in 1979 and has 270 volunteers

No independent confirma-

tion was available of the

towns in the area.

in 27 countries.

down-to-earth and pleasant. "He was here for a weekend

with the authorities there. We're working hard for Mr Penrose's release and doing

Igor Pogosov, press secre-tary of the Russian-backed



Foxy lady puts Hendrix mementoes up for sale

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A SHEET of lyrics by Jimi Hendrix, one of the few that the rock guitarist did not lose or throw away, is expected to fetch £10,000 in a sale that also includes the "dope box" in which he stashed some of his favourite song-inducing

The black lacquer box with inlaid mother-of-pearl sold by Kathy being Etchingham, Hendrix's girlfriend from 1966 to 1969. It is estimated to fetch £5,000 at Bonhams in Chelsea on Au-

Ms Etchingham, who is said to have inspired Hendrix to write the songs Foxy Lady and The Wind Cries Mary, is selling 24 pieces, which she as some of describes Hendrix's favourite possessions. They were in the flat they shared at 23 Brook Street. He died in 1970, shortly after they broke up.

Bonhams describes the items as "evocative reminders of the psychedelic Sixties, an insight into Hendrix's lifestyle and taste": an oriental prayer-rug, strings of colour-



Hendrix with girlfriend Kathy Etchingham

beads, velvet cushions, "I'm glad rug can't talk." Ms Etchingham said. "It's seen quite a lot."

The lacquer box is expected to appeal to a large number of collectors. "We called it the dope box." Ms Etchingham said, adding that it would be opened several times a night at least. The Sixties, she recalled, were "wonderful". However, she added: "I wouldn't want to relive it. As you get older, you look back

and think, 'How the hell did I do that? It was always day-light before we went to bed." Their relationship broke up, she said, as she could not endure the sycophants and hangers-on. She soon met someone else, who was to become her first husband: "It didn't last long as it was based on passion. Jimi and I, we were more friends as well."

She is unsentimental about any of the objects, apart from an Austrian art nouveau figurine of a nude girl, estimated at £6,000. Hendrix had haggled for it with the owner of a café in Chelsea: "He didn't want to sell it," she said. "Jimi offered a lot of money for it. He really loved it. But one night, he bumped against the cabinet it was on. It fell off and broke. Jimi stuck it back

gue entry, "it was one of his favourite pieces, inspiring his lyrics and sexual energy". Ms Etchingham has authenticated the lyrics - an early draft scribbled on Hyde Park Towers Hotel notepaper - of Ain't No Telling, which was recorded on Electric



Gifts from the crowd take pride of place as the Queen Mother is driven away in her golf buggy yesterday

Love by cartload for Queen Mother

By ALAN HAMILTON

JUST four years away from a congratulatory telegram from her daughter, Queen Eliza-beth the Queen Mother celebrated her 96th birthday at Sandringham yesterday with the customary crowd-pleasing performance.

More than a thousand assembled in the heat of an Norfolk morning as she arrived in an open horse-drawn carriage for morning service at St Mary Magdalene church, Sandringham, secompanied by the Queen.

The Queen Mother was helped from her carriage and walked cautiously with her stick. Her left leg was still bandaged below the knee to hide a troublesome ulcer, but she showed no sign of discomfort from last November's hip operation. After the service, relayed outside by loud speaker. she made a 32-minute walkabout as the crowd sang Happy Birthday and For She's a Jolly Good Fellow, and thrust forward cards. flowers and champagne.

Afterwards she retired to ber distinctive, chauffeurdriven golf buggy, to be driven around so that all could see her. Then sheleft for a birthday lunch, where she was joined by the Prince of Wales, Prince William and Prince Harry.

The celebration was not held at her London home, Clarence House, because the royal

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Only days remain to find compromise on Londonderry march as bitterness lingers from Drumcree

Sectarian boycotts hit businesses across Ulster

SHOPS and small businesses across Northern Ireland are suffering a severe loss of trade as sectarian boycotts spread throughout the Province amid bitter recriminations over last month's Drumcree stand-off. Protestant and Roman Catholic shopkeepers are being ostracised by customers

they have served for years. Yesterday a senior Roman Catholic bishop compared the fallout from Drumcree with Ulster's dark days of the late 1960s. Dr Seamus Hegarty, the Bishop of Derry, told BBC Radio 4: "There has been a repolarisation of views to a degree and to an extent not experienced since the civil rights marches at the end of the 1960s.

In Castlederg, Co Tyrone, Protescircular letter telling them that nationalists were organising a boycott of their businesses. The trade of up to 50 per cent, alleged that the shopkeepers had condoned "anti-Catholic, sectarian sentiment" by joining a loyalist block-ade of the town during the Drumcree stand-off.

The letters, which were signed "Yours disappointed", said: "I'm

that I will no longer be giving you my custom and you can be assured that I will strongly advocate that my fellow Catholics in the community also boycott your shop."

Most Protestants in Castlederg refuse to speak about the boycott. for fear of increasing the tension, but one shopkeeper said: The letter is so sinister because it is all innuendo.

He was contemptuous of the

claim that he had joined the loyalist blockade of Castlederg. He said: "Please credit us with a bit of intelligence. The blockade disrupt-

in Dromore, Co Tyrone, a group calling itself the Protestant Action Committee has threatened action against nationalists if attacks against Protestant property contin-ue. The RUC condemned the

statement, but said it had no knowledge of the Protestant group. One of the bluntest messages came in a letter published in Omagh's Ulster Herald, which called for a wholesale boycott of Protestant businesses. The letter said: "Since the Orangemen are obviously against us we must stop giving them our money ... Buy only from Catholic businesses and invest in your own people who

truly want civil rights." The letter was signed "General Boycott". Captain Charles Boycott, the agent for Lord Erne's estate, suf-

fered the original boycott in Co Mayo in 1880. Thousands of Ulstermen travelled to Mayo to save his crops after he gave a graphic acount of his plight in a letter to The Times in October 1880.

Unionists have condemned the present boyout of Protestant businesses and accused Sinn Fein of orchestrating the letter-writing campaign, a charge which republicans deny. Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, said that a lot of decent people from both communiboycotts continued.

Joe Byrne, an SDLP councillor in Omagh, Co Tyrone, condemned the boycott. But he said that nationalists felt aggrieved after Drumcree.

A meeting is to be held tomorrow to seek a compromise over the Apprentice Boys' controversial march in Londonderry next Saturday. Nationalists from the Bogside area, who oppose the parade route along the city's walls, have set Wednesday as a deadline for

The march through Londonder-ry by 10,000 Apprentice Boys and 180 bands would follow several

areas. The Bogside Residents group wants all these parades included in any agreement. The sides have met twice and tomorrow will give their reactions to proposals exchanged last week.

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The Bogside residents want the parade restricted to the commercial heart of the city and unionist areas with just 13 Apprentice Boys - the number that closed the gates in 1688 - being allowed to parade the full length of the walls. The Apprentice Boys want to parade at least 250 members along the walls with the proviso that their bands stop playing as they pass the

Complaints up by 50% in year of rail privatisation

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

COMPLAINTS about late, cancelled and overcrowded trains have soared by up to 50 privatisation. Figures to be published next week point to an alarming deterioration in services as passenger fran-chises were prepared for sale at a cost of £450 million.

Complaints about late and cancelled trains each rose by a third to a total of more than 3,000, while punctuality levels fell on more than half of all rail lines, according to the figures from local passenger watchdog groups. Franchises thought to have been criticised last year include West Anglia Great Northern, InterCity Cross Country, InterCity West Coast and the newly privatised South West Trains, which was affected by bad weather.

Overcrowded trains sparked the sharpest single increase in complaints, a rise of 50 per cent to more than 400, the first upturn in this category since the late 1980s. No new trains have been ordered in Britain since 1993. and some operators have been forced to lease old rolling stock from private rail-tour opera-

tors to cope with the problem. The overall number of complaints received by local passenger groups rose to a record of about 11,000 last year, with the bulk of the increase related to punctuality and reliability. The figures include only the more serious complaints to the rail user committees, rather than complaints to BR or

They apply to the year to

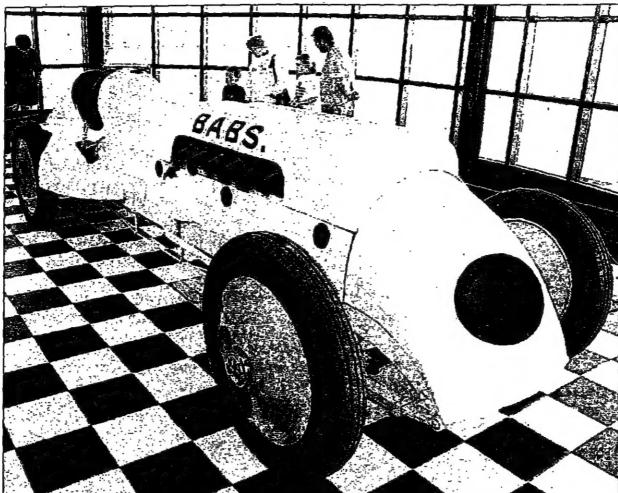
April, which was marked by the first handover of passenger franchises to private owners six months ago. The rise in complaints means that any improvements as a result of privatisation are unlikely to emerge in time to help the Government at the election.

The annual report from Central Rail Users Consultative Committee, the main passenger watchdog, paints a grim picture of the upheaval caused by restructuring. A committee source said that there was "practically no good news" on co-operation between train companies, with operators refusing to hold connecting trains for rival firms now that they are fined for running late. However, there is support

for many of the changes brought about by privatisation, which is three quarters complete. The report welcomes guaranteed "passenger service requirements" and a tough regime of financial incentives and penalties for operators. The report also praises the caps on some fares.

Labour will launch a dossier and sleaze" to mark the first six months of privatised rail

A signalman spotted a fault on a high-speed line on the day of the Railtrack flotation, an internal Railtrack memorandum has revealed. A faulty signal stayed at green instead of turning red on the main London-Glasgow line north of Carstairs. The signalman was





The restored record breaker in the museum overlooking Pendine Sands, from where she was recovered after the death of her builder and driver, J.G. Parry Thomas

Record-breaker returns to scene of triumph and disaster

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SDXTY-NINE years after she was Wales, one of the world's great record-breaking cars has returned to the spot where she made history and then perished.

The 27-litre monster Babs caused a sensation in 1926 when, driven along Pendine Sands in Dyfed with J.G. Parry Thomas at the wheel, she set a land speed record of 171.02mph. Parry Thomas died the following year, crashing the car while attempting to recapture the record from Malcolm Campbell, who had reached 174.8mph. Babs. 20st long, fed by aviation fuel and pushing out 400 horsepower from a VI2 Liberty aeroplane engine, was driven to the limit. She skidded

and overturned just before the end

of the measured mile, the chain driving the wheels decapitating Parry Thomas, who had built the

His friends and colleagues were so distressed that they buried Babson the spot which, in the 1920s, was regarded as the country's best record-breaking location because of the vast expanse of flat, hard sand. She was due up in 1969 by Owen Wyn Owen, an engineer and car enthusiast from North Wales. who dedicated the next 16 years to her restoration. Mr Owen and his team had to shift more than 2,000

The aluminium-bodied Babs is now the main exhibit at the Museum of Speed, which was built the beach at Pendine.

Chris Delaney, Carmarthenshire Council's museums officer, said: "It is amazing how many people are fascinated by Babs and the landspeed record. History was made at Pendine Sands many times and it is fitting that Babs has been returned here. She's still in working condition and, apparently, she can still do 100mph or so.

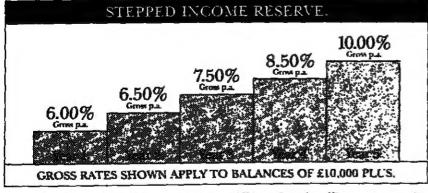
She was buried back in 1927 because people were just so shocked by what had happened. These days there would probably be a police inquiry and the car would be taken for examination." ☐ A 31-year-old Fiat made motoring history at the weekend by

fetching the lowest price ever at an

auction by the car specialists Brooks. The 1965 600D two-door saloon, described as "a challenging restoration project", went for £92 at the sale at Ascot, Berkshire. It contrasted with a 1937 Mercedes-Benz 540K supercharged Cabriolet B once owned by the Rockefeller family, which sold to an Italian collector for £155,500.

☐ A garage owner who spent much of his working life repairing Foden wagons was given a litting send-off in the West Midlands, Sam Satterthwaite's coffin was taken to All Saints Church at Streetly on the back of a 1920s Foden steam lorry. Mr Satterthwaite, who worked up to his death at the age of 87, was an honorary president of the Foden

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Health staff 'squandered millions on computers'

By DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE National Audit Office is investigating a report that a small group of health service bureaucrats wasted £500 million on virtually worthless

Labour called on Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, yesterday to tackle the information Management Group of the NHS Executive, whose task was to improve patient care and increase information by introducing new technology. Instead, hospital staff still have to perform many admin-istrative tasks using laborious techniques, such as telephoning up to 40 wards at night in

search of a spare bed. Chris Smith, the Shadow Health Secretary, said that the Secretary of State should Trake the whole information technology systems within the National Health Service by the scruff of the neck and sort them out because they aren't working well at the moment"

The auditors are studying documents obtained during an investigation by BBC Radio 4's The World This Weekend. The National Audit Office and the Commons Public Accounts Committee have already condemned the management group for its handling of the Hospital Information Support Systems initiative, which cost £106 million and saved only 53 million. The price of monitoring the scheme exceeded

savings to the taxpayer. Philip Hunt, director of the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts, said chief executives were frustrated by the problems and had urged the NHS

Marshland idyll with cruel legacy of genetic disease



FOR many holidaymakers now sailing their boats on the Broads, life may seem idyllic. But nature has not been so kind to some of the long-established families in this part of east Norfolk. The area has a particularly high incidence of Huntington's disease; formerly known as Hunting-ton's chorea, it is one of the cruelest of the hereditary neu-

This year the Huntington's Disease Association is 25 years old. It was set up after a report in a Sunday newspaper about a girl who discovered after marriage, and subsequent pregnancy, that her mother and grandfather were victims of the disease. The pregnant mother, and possibly her unborn child, therefore had a 50-50 chance of suffering from it as well. The association now collects nearly £500,000 a year for research and education into the disease as well as contributing to the welfare of

When in practice in Norfolk had an almost daily reminder of Huntington's disease. An elderly sufferer used to spend much of his time walking, very unsteadily and with the aid of a stick, along the village street. Whenever he spotted my car, he stopped, gripped the stick like a Zulu spear, raised it above his head and let out an unintelligible greeting. His daughter - it affects both sexes equally - was also a

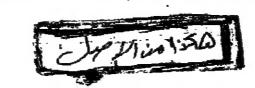
sufferer. The disease has an autosomal dominant pattern of inheritance, which means that every child born to a parent with the disease has an even chance of developing it. The symptoms usually start

affects both the part of the hrain that helps to control muscular co-ordination and the higher centres. As a result the patient has an unsteady guit, clumsy movement and suffers involuntary muscular movements and facial grimaces. The dementia is progressive and is usually proceeded by personality changes. Later the increasing dementia results in total apa-thy and loss of memory. The progress of the disease is slow. Patients can live up to 30 years before they totally lose physical and mental powers. Treat-ment is now aimed at alleviating the symptoms,

Accurate diagnosis is pos-sible. The defective gene is carried on chromosome four. As Huntington's is usually only manifest after normal child-bearing age, this new-found ability to detect whether someone is carrying the defec-tive gene, and therefore able to spread it to the next generation, has raised distressing questions for the people involved.

> **DR THOMAS** STUTTAFORD





, TV gardening presenter dies on charity bicycle ride

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GEOFF HAMILTON, the presenter of Gardeners' World, died yesterday after falling from his bicycle during a charity event.

Mr Hamilton, 59, who had

Ppresented the show on BBC2 since 1979, collapsed while riding near Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan. A nurse tried to resuscitate him and he was taken to hospital, but to no avail, the BBC said. Mr Hamilton had suffered a

heart attack a year ago.

He had joined the ride —
part of the Trailblazers ride to raise money for more cycle routes across the country — in Brecon at 9.30am to cycle to Merthyr Tydfil. By noon he had ridden about 12 miles. Suddenly, 400 yards from one of the many refreshment points along the route, he

His wife, Linda, had been aiting for her husband at) Cyferthfa Castle in Merthyr Tydfil where a reception was due to be held for cyclists and officials. At news of hert husband's collapse she, too, was taken to the hospital.

In a recent interview Mr Hamilton said that he would like an epitaph "that says Cercidiphyllum japonica, which is the name of the tree I want planted over me. It is a lovely honey colour and it will last about 60 years and then die. And that's all right."

Will Wyatt, chief executive of BBC Broadcasting, said: Geoff was a great friend to gardeners everywhere. He will be much missed by millions of BBC viewers with whom he shared his delight and knowledge of gardening. Our sympathies will be with his wife and family."

Alan Toogood, The Times's horticulture correspondent, said: "He always liked to be



Geoff Hamilton loved gardening from childhood, when he played in nurseries

employed nurseryman and landscape gardener, he met the Editor of Garden News in 1970 when he was buying a

The chance encounter led to freelance contract to write a regular column for what was become the top-selling ekly gardening magazine, a full-time member of staff in 1975. In 1976, Mr Hamilton was appointed the Editor of Practical Gardening, the

the subject. In 1979, he began presenting Gardeners World from his garden in Barnsdale. Three years later, the programme moved to its present site a mile away.

At first the "garden" consist-ed of a small walled "crew yard" containing pigs, and a grass paddock. There are now five acres under cultivation in the form of a series of small gardens, linked by grass paths and borders. The site ilton and a staff of three full-

time gardeners. As well as presenting Gardeners' World, he made several series, including the recent highly successful Geoff Hamilton's Cottage Gardens.

Cycling was also one of his interests — "wherever possible, to avoid using a car, plus music and sport, "but mostly gardening". He dis-liked politicians, frozen food and chemicals.

Away from his garden, he enjoyed singing with his local

American hackers run up £1m bill on Yard's phones

AMERICAN computer hack-ers who breached a special Sociand Yard telephone sys-tem used a make theillion of international calls. Embarrassed officials only noticed when the loils began to mount up and hid to call in engineers to plug the loophole.

The Yard had to pay the bill

and has now begon a civil action against a telephone contractor for alleged faults in the installation of the system. Praud investigators from AT&T, which handles long distance calls in America, spent months trying to track down the hackers but eventu-

ally gave up.

The hackers made use of a telephone system known as Disa, Dial Inward System Access, also known as PBX call forwarding. It allows em-ployees to make business calls from home by ringing a ployer's main switchboard. They then dial a pass code and make the business call. The call may be to anywhere in the world but appears as a local call on the home bill. The

company, which may have a special discount arrangement, pays the remainder.

Hacking into such systems
has become widespread. Experts say they are open to misuse because it is technical-

ly difficult to change the pass codes regularly. Police believe the Yard system was cracked by a hacker using a specially devised computer programme and a modern. The programme ran through a range of thousands of possible numbers and pass codes until the right ones connected. The numbers were then passed on through computer and Internet bulletin boards.

The Yard first spotted what

a line on the internal exchange showed a dramatic increase. Officers from the computer crime unit at first suspected that the fraud was being run from inside. Once they began to check back through the calls, they realised they were at the mercy of hackers in

When the AT&T investigators began checking the num-bers, they discovered the hackers had used many different public phones to call the Yard, so tracing them proved

Detective Chief Superin-tendent Jim Boocock, head of the Fraud Squad, said: "There was a problem which we discovered and we took immediate steps to end it." In a statement, the Yard said the telephone equipment was supplied by a reputable and well-

Police given body armour to defeat gun and knife attacks

MADE-TO-MEASURE body armour will be offered today to all 28,000 officers in the Metropolitan Police.

Beat police in some parts of Britain already wear body armour on duty but it is bulky and worn over their uniform. The new "Metvest" is made from plates of Kevlar and is designed to be worn under a shirt. It protects an officer's entire chest and back against ammunition, including the .357 round fired by a big Smith and Wesson revolver or a 9mm bullet from an automatic handgun. It will also protect against knife thrusts.

Yard scientists believe the

commonly used by criminals in Britain. They examined 3,000 different knives used in London during 18 months to make sure it could withstand stab attacks.

The armour has been tested by 440 officers at Tottenham and Walworth, two inner London stations; but so far no officer has put the Metvest to the test in a violent incident. The Yard's armour will cost £300 a set and weigh four to eight kilos depending on the size of the officer. The cost is expected to run to £8 million and the first suits will be issued this autumn to male and female officers although further work on developing a

comfortable design for all female officers is to continue. In the past five years seven officers have died on London's streets, including PC Philip Walters, who was shot last year in east London, Sergean Derek Robertson, stabbed struggling with a robber in 1994, and PC Patrick Dunne. the beat officer shot investigating the murder of a drug

The armour is being launched as a questionnaire is sent out to officers across Britain on whether other parts of their equipment should be sand officers will take part in

dealer in 1993.

Oasis of joy for the bank

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second wife Lynda in a Vic-

torian farmhouse in Barns-

dale, Rutland, with 512 acres

of gardens, where the family

also runs a garden centre and

nursery. He had three sons by

He was born in Stepnes

east London, but his family

old to the Lea Valley in

Hertfordshire where he spent

his childhood playing, and

then working, in nurseries.

After leaving grammar school, and completing two

years' National Service, he

was trained at Writtle College of Agriculture in Essex. While

moved when he was two year

his first marriage.

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

THE bank accounts of Loch Lomond were expected to be a little bonnier today as locals deposit their windfall caused by two sell-out, outdoor concerts which brought more than 80,000 Oasis fans to a tiny lochside town.

The two-day pop extrava-ganza had divided the people of sedate Balloch - popula-tion 5,000 - when it was first suggested in May, with some objecting that their community would not cope with such huge numbers. Yesterday there were few dissenting voices after many of the enterprising populace happily to cashed in on the enormous

Farmers let their fields as car parks at £5 a time, and for camping at £10 a tent. Some locals even let space in their driveways. The mood was perhaps best summed up by a sign in the Balloch Hotel, which read: "If you're thirsty. there is more than one Oasis in Balloch". The hotel sold 7,200 bottles of lager and 1,260 gallons of beer in two days.

Corries, a normally sedate tea house and cafe, was transformed into a fast-food joint for the weekend, selling burgers and hot dogs. The owner, Margot Mason, said: "Usually we do cream teas and a traditional Scottish menu, but ve've adapted to demands."

The parish priest, Sean Fitzgerald, gave two extra masses for fans on Sunday, attracting around 50 young people each



More than 80,000 fans packed into the concerts

the story of Christ feeding the That's what Balloch has to do. We must welcome these people. Some older ladies are terrified, but they're doing their bit by helping to feed the St John Ambulance crews".

One resident, Stephen King, wearing his kilt and an Oasis T-shirt, set up a barbeque and beefburger stall on his front lawn on Balloch Road, staffed by his two young daughters. He reported a steady and very good-natured trade. The fans' behaviour has been fantastic," he said. Too many people were pessimistic about this, but I think it's great. The town should be proud of ourselves". Robert Ritchie, 75, was not impressed as he watched his home town sink beneath a high tide of litter and drunken bodies. But he admitted: "Everyone is making a bomb here

A huge operation involving police, emergency medical teams, security staff and cleaners, was put in place. The town's one public convenience was supplemented by rows of portable WCs. Workmen picked up 140 tons of litter on the first day, when police reported only 20 arrests, for minor offences.

Rivalry is just kin deep as racing Princess pips Duke

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

KEEN royal rivalry was evident at the Cowes Week yachting regatta yesterday as the Duke of Edinburgh and the Princess Royal competed in a gruelling four-hour race in the Solent.

In perfect sailing conditions the Princess Royal, racing the 38ft Arbitrator, beat her father into fourth place by 45 seconds, crossing the finish line second in the 19-boat race. Her husband, Captain Timothy Lawrence,

joined her racing team. One speciator reported that the Princess Royal spent much of the race with her legs dangling over the side of the

hard at work. The two royal neck for most of the 24-mile course before the Arbitrator edged ahead, shortly before

the finish line. The Duke congratulated his daughter after he stepped from his boat, The Yeoman XXVIII. The two last raced each other at Cowes seven

The royal party is staying aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia for the last time at

The boat, a much-loved and familiar presence at the regatta for the past 42 years. makes its last journey from

Earlier, the crew of Britannia was treated to a less salubrious scene as five models drew near the yacht in a speedboat and took their tops dar. The five women, all believed to be local, moored briefly before heading for the Royal Yacht Squadron, where the Duke of Edinburgh is Admiral, to repeat their performance. They motored away after stern words from officials. A spokesman for the club, which hosts its annual ball tonight, declined to comment.



Impressing the barbarians along the wild frontier AM the car park at Steel in the high, empty wild of Northumberland west for 15 minutes to the mit of Headman's watt. JM the car park at Steel in the high, empty wild of Northumberland west for 15 minutes to the mit of Headman's watt. JM the car park at Steel in the high, empty wild of where the wall was built. Keeping the northern louts out more for the wall was built. Keeping the northern louts out more for the wall was built. Keeping the northern louts out more for the wall was built. Keeping the northern louts out more for the wall was built. Keeping the northern louts out more for the wall was built. Keeping the northern louts out more for the wall was built. Keeping the northern louts out more for the wall was built. Keeping the northern louts out more for the wall was built. Keeping the northern louts out more for the wall was built. Keeping the northern louts out more for the wall was built. Keeping the northern louts out more for the wall was built.

FROM the car park at Steel Rigg in the high, empty wild-ness of Northumberland, walk west for 15 minutes to the summit of Hadrian's Wall at 1,230ft. Now look east and follow the line of one of the Roman Empire's greatest con-structions as it rollercoasts the crest of the Great Whin Sill for mile after uninhabited mile.

It took three legions 15 years and two million tonnes of stone and turf to build atop the steep-cliffed dolerite ridge that defines the waist of Britain from Tyne to Solway. But a troubling thought may occur to you as you marvel at the scale of its engineering: what on earth was it for?

To keep out troublesome Caledonian hooligans, of

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course, who might infect the imperial dominions with their woadish ways, filthy hygiene and annoying disinclination to accept the rule of Rome. Yet for much of its 80 Roman miles (7312 of our present-day variety) the wall appears superfluous, riding the crest of a steep natural cliff which even the most agile of Picts would find difficulty in scaling. It is also empty country, which would have been even emptier when the entire population of Britannia was at the most a scattered four million.

Would not a line of forts the preferred method of policing the frontier elsewhere in the empire — have sufficed? Such a line did in fact already exist along the Stanegate, the Roman road from Newcastle



Hadrian: ordered wall during visit to Britain

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built. Keeping the northern louts out must have been part of its function. But for such an manpower in such remote and inhospitable terrain, that can-

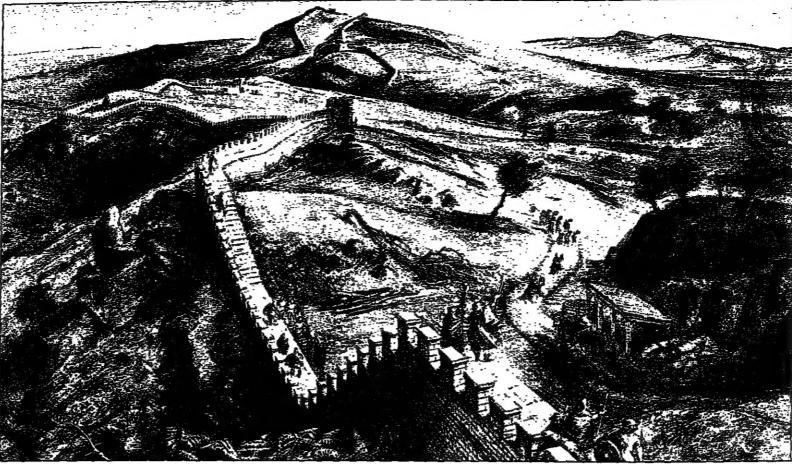
The full story is a matter of conjecture. You would think that the imperial historians would rave about such a tremendous feat of organisation and cleverness, but even Hadrian's biographer. Aelius Spartianus, gives it a mere two unhelpful lines: "He [Hadri-an] set out for Britain, and there he corrected many abuses and was the first to construct a wall 80 miles in length which was to separate the barbarians from the

We must therefore make assumptions, and it is entirely reasonable to assume that Hadrian's Wall was, as much as anything else, a Statement. Hadrian ordered the mighty work during a visit to Britain in about AD 122. Unlike his expansionist predecessor Trajan, he was a sensitive soul. more in love with Greek culture and a young Greek boy than with the march of armies. In his view the empire was already large enough. it was time consolidation.

Commissioning the biggest wall in the empire was, in all probability, an act of selfaggrandisement, in the same way that Parisian arts centres. glass pyramids and other grands travaux are the attempts at immortality by modern French Presidents. If that was the case, it certainly

James Crow, lecturer in archaeology at Newcastle University and an authority on the wall, believes it is also a statement of both power and. failure. Here are Romans saying to the native Brigantes. whose lands were sliced in half by the construction, 'We are going to frighten the wits out of you with technology you just won't believe, so you had better behave yourselves.' But at the same time, the very existence of the wall was a statement of admission by Rome that it had failed to conquer the entire island."

There is some archaeologi-



Then and now: how the wall may have looked in Hadrian's day, above, and as it is now. It took 15 years to build but was soon abandoned

painted white throughout its being a perfectly valid means of preserving and enhancing the lime mortar that bound its stones. "Stretching as far as the eye can see in both directions, with milecastles at every mile, that is one big statement to the natives that they have been occupied."

It was also a failure. Hadrian had been dead hardly a year and his wall barely finished when Rome took a strategic decision to move the frontier more than 75 miles to the north. A new barrier rose between the Forth and Clyde; Hadrian's Wall was evacuated of its garrison of 11,000 men and abandoned for 16 years. For the remaining two cen-

turies of Roman occupation, the wall was variously reoccupied, deserted, modified and rebuilt. Its last garrison appears to have abandoned it well before the last Roman legionary left Britain early in the fifth century.

The Romans built from the east, occasionally changing

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the design as they went west. At times the wall gets lower and thinner, perhaps because the Governor of Britain, on a tight schedule from his bosses, wanted it built faster. Some forts have three of their four exits on the north, suggesting a need for quick forays by the imperial army to biff the Painted People. At an early

moved up to the wall, suggesting trouble from the natives. But the wall itself is only the half of it. Running for much of its length on the northern side

stage of construction, the gar-

risons on the Stanegate were

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is a defensive ditch: much more remarkable, on the southern side for almost its entire length is the wallum, a ditch originally 20ft wide and 10ft deep, with 20ft high mounds of earth on either side. Its construction must have been almost as big a project as the wall itself. Historians conclude that the

vallum was the Roman equivalent of barbed wire, defining the limit of the military zone which ran length of the wall, and designed to deter undesirables from the south from entering an army-controlled area where there would be mayhem to be wrought and bags of army kit to be stolen. As you cross the

the valleys of the rivers Tyne,

irthing and Eden, the vallum

follows your route with almost

as much prominence in places as the parallel masonry. The wall was full of gates, to allow the passage of legitimate traders, sheep drovers, merchants, pimps, whores and other permissible barbarians. But the crossings of the vallum were far fewer; in bureaucratic terms, crossing the Berlin Wall was probably somewhat

What the garrison made of its chilly and far-flung posting we can only guess, but the slender evidence suggests they were much like the muttering

Among the magnificent haul of personal letters recovered from the peat bog of Vindo-landa in the 1970s is one

perhaps from his mother back in warmer lands: "I have sent you ... pairs of socks (undonum) from Sattua, two pairs of sandals (solearum duo) and two sets of underpants (subligariorum duo)." It is the first recorded mention of undermants in Roman Britain. and gives the lie to the notion that the forces of occupation froze in nothing but their legionary miniskirts.

It is a misconception to imagine that the Roman wall was patrolled by Romans; there are probably more Italians living in Glasgow today than ever strode the northern frontier of the empire. Although built by the II. VI and

XX legions, the wall was garrisoned by auxiliary co-horts recruited from all parts of the empire - Gaul, Spain, doubt from Britain itself.

Nothing better illustrates the cosmopolitan nature of the wall's garrison and surrounding civilian community than a tombstone now in Newcastle University's Museum of Antiquities. Barates, a Syrian merchant trading on the wall, married Regina, an early Essex girl from the Catuvellauni tribe of southeast Britain. Whether she was all XR3i white chariot and stiletto sandals, her fine memorial sadly does not record.

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best of the sites

WALKING the length of Hadrian's Wall at the steady marching pace of the XX Valeria Victrix legion would take 4½ days. Fully savouring the ruins and the magnificent wildness takes the better part of a fortnight. Walkers should limit the contents of their packs to well below the 60-Olbs that a legionary carried on his back.

Most of the wall is walkable,

and it is almost entirely within easy reach of public transport. The Newcastle-Carlisle railway is rarely more than a mile or two away, and hail-andride buses follow the wall in summer months connecting the stations of Carlisle, Haltwhistle and Hexham. (All public transport inquiries: 01670-533128). The main sites of Chesters. Housesteads and Vindolanda are served by bus from Hexham BR station.

The best starting point is university's small Museum of Antiquities. (Queen Victoria Street, Newcastle: open Mon-Sat, 10-5, admission free). You can then take the train to Hexham, but the drive is better. Take the A69 Carlisle road as far as Heddon-on-the-Wall, and turn on to the B6318. built by General Wade on top. of the wall itself. The northern ditch and southern valum are splendidly visible at many points on the way to Chesters mains of a bathhouse, complete with niches for the bathers' clothes. (Open daily in summer, 9.30-6, admission

Continue along the same road, and stop briefly at the Temple to Mithras on the lefthand side. The Roman god's birthday was December 25. and some visitors still place flowers and candles in the ruin at Christmas.

Next comes the at Housesteads, the bestpreserved in Britain, complete with a lo-seater latrine. (Fort open daily, 10-6, admission £2.50, National Trust members free). A walk on the wall in either direction gives an ...Jillarating demonstration of the wall's panoramic views to the north.

B6318 nearby is Steel Rigg. one of the best vantage points on the entire stretch. Much of century renovation.

Near Housesteads are the forts of Corbridge with its well-preserved granary (open daily 10-6, admission E2.50) and Vindolanda, a privately owned site with modern reconstructions of what a fort and milecastle might have looked like. Original writings, one of the great finds of British archaeology, are now in the British Museum, but there are copies and explanatory material in the site's museum. (Open daily, 10-6.30, admis-

Keeping up appearances was time well spent for garrison town women

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE fastidious daily routine of Romano-British women is reflected in objects on display in the West Sussex garrison town of Chichester, which

flourished as a trading post with the continental empire. A full make-up kit at the museum includes ligulae, small metal spoons used for scooping up cosmetic powders that were then mixed on a palette. Eye-shadows were made from saffron plant extracts mixed with oil to give a muted, yellowish colour. Lead-based foundations and rouged cheeks completed the effect, topped off with an exotic headdress held up by decorative bone or metal pins. According to an account by

smeared on the legs as an exfoliant: tweezers plucked out unwanted remains. The tiny museum chronicles the history of the Romans. They arrived with the Kentish invasion force in AD43 and the town became a garrison for the Second Le-

Ovid, hares' blood was

gion as it prepared to subdue unruly tribes to the west. Military paraphernalia found in the town includes one the few surviving examples of a gladius a short stabbing sword, which is preserved in controlled temperature. Emasculators from the old cattlemarket are the only ones to be found in Britain.

CHICHESTER

ior town like St Albans or Colchester, but it was important strategically." Sue Fulwood, keeper of archaeology at the museum, said. The army camped here while they made plans to subdue the South West and

the Isle of Wight. The military occupation lasted about two years and the town grew up around the original camp. "It was replanned in the second century on much the same lines as we see today. with four gates at each point of the compass." Chichester's walls were not built until the

late 2nd or early 3rd century, supporting the theory that pirates began raiding around this time. One of the main local industries was bone-working: hairpins, whistles, combs. dice and gaming counters

have been uncovered. Trade in wool, wheat, barley, oats and rye - all local crops was the mainstay of the port. The Roman name for

Chichester, Noviomagus (new market), has puzzled histori-ans for decades. A new theory emerging from recent work at Fishbourne suggests that Chichester may have moved eastwards several miles around AD 70 before work on the palace began there.

One of the most significant finds in Chichester gives a rare clue to the identity of

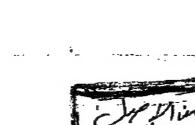
Fishbourne palace as a client king by the Emperor Claudius, whose names he took as a sign of respect. An inscription on a marble plaque, discov-ered in 1723, reads: "To Neptune and Minerva, for the welfare of the Divine House by the authority of Tiberius Claudius Cogidubnus, a great king in Britain, the guild of smiths and those therein gave this temple from their own resources, Jens, son on Pudentinus, presenting the site." The plaque can be seen on the outside of the Council House in North Street.

Chichester Museum is in Little London. Tel: 01243 784683. Open Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5.30pm.



Roman women used a full make-up kit





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Olympic shame over Britain's medal tally

FROM JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT, IN ATLANTA

BRITAIN ended the Olympics yesterday with their worst performance since the 1952 Garnes in Helsinki.

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Not for 44 years has the British team failed to gain more than one gold medal and the Government is so concerned that it has asked the British Olympic Association (BOA) to have a special meeting with lain Sproat, the Minister for Sport, to discuss the lack of success.

However, this will not take

place until at least October because, first, the BOA must hold its debriefing sessions with the individual sports to analyse why so many competitors failed to match their best results in Atlanta.

While the French are revelling in having collected in Atlanta their highest number of gold medals (IS) since 1900, when Paris staged the Games and only 26 countries participated, the British team will fly nome today knowing sport in Britain must undergo a revolution in administration, funding and preparation.

If this does not happen, then there is the risk of even more dismal results in Sydney in four years' time. The statistics from these

Garnes are unpalatable. Britam totalled only 16 medals, ten fewer than the BOA had

Although just 13 were won

in 1976, at least there were three gold medals. In 1968, there were also 13 medals, but five of them were gold. This

year the one title was won -

by Steve Redgrave and Mat-

thew Pinsent in the coxless It has become more difficult to be successful at the Games over the years because the number of participating countries has increased. There were 197 countries taking part in Atlanta, 128 more than in 1952 when Britain collected 11 medals, including just one gold. However, even if many more of the smaller nations now participate, the number of Olympic events has also

grown. In Helsinki there were 149; in Atlanta, 271.

Dick Palmer, the BOA sec- a black South African had retary, says: "We have reached a watershed, a moment of truth. We cannot bluff it. We have to get our act together. We need more funding.
"I believe that in a country

of 55 million we should be producing more competitors and getting better results." Kevin Hickey, the BOA

technical director, said that in several British teams here there was a fairly obvious lack of preparation for the mental toughness required for the Olympics.

We knew these would be a hard, grinding Games with a lot of US hype and a lot of pressure. It was emphasised teams had to be confident to the point of arrogance."

The Government will be told in other detailed inquests on the Games that the Minister for Sport should take on executive powers and scrap the bureaucracies of the four national and United Kingdom sports councils. This direct responsibility by government for sport is what happens in

As Jean-Richard Germont, the director of elite preparation for the French Olympic Committee, says: "It is a system. The proof is that it

won Olympic gold was loudly cheered back home where Josiah Thugwane, a coat rolo cr. is assured of fame and fortune beyond his wider dreams (Inigo Gilmore rites). Mathews Phota, the African

National Congress premier of Mpumalanga. Thugwane's home province, said fine marathon runner would be treated to the "mother of all parties" when he reformed to South Africa and be booked into a resort of his choice "for a

well-deserved rest". Hailing the "dedicated and able gladiator" and his "heartening victory". Mr Phosa added: "He did it for all of us as a country and we will always be achievements."

Thugwane was fortunate to be in Atlanta; he survived a car hijacking attempt in March. After a builet grazed his chin, he jumped from the moving vehicle and badly injuring his back.

It was feared he would never run again but, with the help of his mining company, he recovered from his injuries to go on to win a place in the South African team and to collect a gold medal.

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Officials replace the gold Ali threw in river

FORMER Olympic light; heavyweight bosing champi-on Muhammad All issus given a gold medal of the Atlanta Games on Saturday to make up for the one he threw away in protest at racism in the 1960s.

Ali, suffering from Parkin son's disease, was presented with the replacement medal at half-time in the basketball finals. A large crowd rose to its feet when Ali accepted the medal from Juan Antonia Samaranch and rewarded the president of the International Olympic Committee with a kiss. Ali also lifted the medal to his lips.

In his heyday Ali, formedy known as Cassius Clay, was blessed with a repartee second in its speed and sting only to his jabbing punches and "butterfly" steps. These days he moves slowly and is incapable of proper conversation, but on receiving the new gold medal he responded with a slow, broad smile.

Many speciators at Atlan-ta's Georgia Dome wept after he was driven into the arens on a gold-coloured golf cart and then shuffled awkwardly to the middle of the floor. Ali! Ali!" chanted the crowd.

Lip", who turned professional after his victory as an 18-year-old over Poland's Zbigniew Pietrzykowski at the 1960 Olympics, hurled his original gold medal in dis-gust into the Ohio River after he was refused entry to a white-run restaurant in Kentucky and was confronted by a white motorbike gang. He later wrote that he felt "great strength" as he watched the medal sink in the river.

his second appearance at the Atlanta Games, which have tried to depict themselves as a racially healing event. He was the surprise guest at the opening ceremony two weeks ago when he lit a mechanised taper that ignited the Olympic torch.

His presence did not please everyone. His old

Muhammad Ali kisses the replacement gold medal awarded to him at the weekend died, the other was wounded in the 3.30am incident as they were leaving a restaurant. The shots were fired from a passing car and the killing raised fresh doubts about Atlanta's ill-advised boasts to be the "safest place on Earth" during the Olympics.

noise, a lot of mouth." In a reminder of the security concerns that have dogged this Olympics, two members of the National At any other time, a drive-by killing in the Atlanta Guard were attacked by a gamman'in a suburb of the

Frazier said: "I think it was a

big slap in the face for

boxing. There are men who

have done more for America

and more for boxing - he

was a draft dodger. If they had asked me, hell, I'd have

run all the way up there and

lit the flame. He's a lot of

The motive for the attack

was not known. The men were in plain clothes and were not on duty; there was no attempt to rob them.

However, the guardsmen were part of the 30,000-

excite little attention, for the

city has a lamentable crime

strong security force which was moved to Atlanta for the past two weeks to guard the city against attack. The number of troops was increased after the bombing of Centennial Park nine days ago.

The often-troubled Games were concluding late last night with a closing ceremony whose details were being

Soviet echo as successor states rule awards table

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

WHILE Olympic competition may never be the same without the sight of the Communist red banner and the strains of the Soviet national anthem, the 15 nations of the former Soviet Union proved in Atlanta that they had not lost their sporting spirit or ability.

Cold War rivalry may be over, but the former Soviet states, competing for the reflect with satisfaction that put together, America into second place in the table.

The result conference in the table.

The result confounded critics, who predicted a sporting disaster after the collapse of the huge Soviet sporting apparatus which lavished funding on facilities and training for its athletes. Also, many predicted that the break-up of the Soviet national team would destroy team

"At some level we miss the Soviet Union, because it gave us a greater pool of talent," said Aleksandr Davidson, the director of the Russian Basketball Federation. "But now we have young people who are finding different motivations to win."

While state sponsorship for sports on a Soviet scale may have dried up, the slack mas in part been taken up by the private sector. Reebok, the sporting goods company, was the official sponsor of the Russian Olympic team and paid millions of dollars for everything from equipment to uniforms.

Similarly in Ukraine, when the country's Olympic team set off for Atlanta, the big outdoor concert event to see off the athletes in Kiev was hosted by Coca-Cola. Aside from sporting giants like Russia, Ukraine and Belorussia, smaller states in the former Soviet Union proved in Atlanta that, in spite of economic hardships and in some cases crippling ethnic

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wars, sport is still taken very seriously. Armenia certainly rose to the occasion in Atlanta when it clinched a gold and silver medal. In neighbouring Georgia, residents of the capital, Tbilisi, were reportedly glued to their televisions to watch their athletes return home with two

bronze medals. Kirghizia, the remote Central Asia republic which failed to make it onto the medal table, nevertheless demonstrated that it took the competition seriously when it offered its athletes E12,000 for a gold, £10,000 for a silver and £6,000 for

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bronze. Latvia pledged a reward of nearly £300,000 to its first gold medallist. Although no one was able to claim the prize, Einars Fogelis, the head of Latvia's Department of Sports, was undaunted.

"It is not the rewards that matter, it is the fact that our athletes can represent their country which is important," he told Izvestia, the Moscow evening paper. "No question, there is more motivation now. While the Olympics may have helped to

forge a sense of national pride among nations still facing a difficult transition to MEDAL HAUL

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the next Olympics there may be even more nations represented from what was

Raimkul Malakhbekov, a boxing medallist in the Russian team, insisted on fighting all his bouts in a uniform embossed with the name Kalmykia, an autonomous republic inside the Russian Federation. Even Chechenia, Russia's breakaway

lov, two brothers who are both wrestlers, refused to compete on behalf of Russia and instead they represented Moldavia Many of their countrymen hope that by the Sydney Olympiad in 2000 Chechen

republic, had its atheletes represented in

Atlanta, Luchman and Elmadi Zhabrai-

athletes will be competing for the first time under their own national flag. ☐ Drug protest: Russia complained that

the International Olympic Committee had not told it that bromantan, a secret Soviet-era drug, was now banned. But the committee said it did not have to, once experts had established that the substance was a stimulant. An official said he believed Moscow had been using the drug for more than a decade. (Reuter

Tongan punches his

other side of the international dateline, Tongans closely followed the bout on radios as many do not own a television. Wolfgramm's sovereign, King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV.

the final against Vladimir Klichko of Ukraine.

Wolfgramm was not expected to progress to the finals. few upsets of the Olympiad when he beat Cuba's Alexis Rubalcaba in the quarter-final. In the semi-final on Saturday, he beat Nigeria's Duncan Dokiwari in the final seconds. throwing a lucky punch that landed and took him past his rival on points.

In the Atlanta boxing are-

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way into record books

f many Americans, cries of "Tonga! Tongal" rang around the boxing hall in Atlanta last night as Paca Wolfgramm went for gold in the super heavyweight division (Quentin Letts writes). In the process, he has become the first subject of the Pacific kingdom to win a medal at the Games. In his homeland, on the

was hoping to be among the speciators in Atlanta to watch

Wolfgramm's presence in the final was as truly Olympian a moment as these Games offered. It was certainly more romantic than that of the strutting, overpaid US basketshould not have been embraced by the Olympic family.

fighters have had little luck in Atlanta, adopted the plucky Pacific islander. The hter invoked the words of his forefathers who said before they went to war against Samoa. "Mounga kihi loto." he growled. The mountain is

Croats hint at deal as EU plans Mostar exit

By Stacy Sullivan in mostar and Eve-Ann Prentice, diplomatic correspondent

BOSNIAN CROATS in Mostar issued an unspecified proposal last night aimed at ending their boycott of the which has threatened to unelected city council. dermine the elections to be held throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina in six weeks' time.
"We have received a new

proposal from the Croat side ... and we are trying to get in touch with the Bosnian [Mus-lim] side to talk to them." Dragan Gasic. a European Union spokesman, said. The offer concerned a key stumbling block, but it was too early to say whether the move could rescue the EU's two-year mission to unify the city.
The EU mission there was

pronounced all but dead earlier yesterday after separatist Bosnian Croats failed to meet a midnight deadline to recognise the city's recent election results and end the boycott.

An EU decision to pull out of Mostar, which may still be announced today at EU headquarters in Brussels, would set a dangerous precedent for next month's elections by

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showing that any group dis-satisfied with results can render them invalid.

The Nato-led Implementation Force. Ifor, has increased the number of patrols in the Mostar region, according to Major Brett Boudreau, a Nato spokesman in Sarajevo. Major Boudreau said the Croats' boycon was disappointing. but added that the peace force would wait for official word from the EU before making any major moves.

Before last night's proposal from the Croats, Sir Martin Garrod, the British EU administrator of Mostar, said: "I am very disappointed, deeply disappointed. This is a sad day for Mostar. The only people who are going to be drinking champagne in Mostar now are the [Croat] thugs, gangs and criminals ... We will leave behind a rear party to complete the tasks currently under way, pay the bills and switch off the lights."

He added, however, that if the Croats were to come forward with a compromise before the EU gave its final

decision today, an agreement allowing the EU to stay could

still be reached. Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, urged the Mostar Croats to stop hindering the power-sharing agree-ment with the Muslims, saying it would be disastrous if the deadlock led to the departure of EU

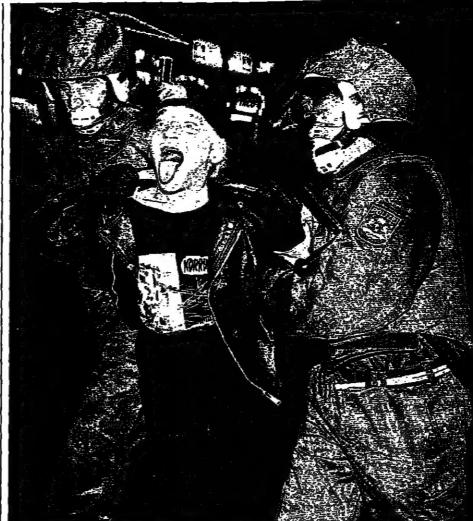
President Clinton met President Tudiman of Croatia in Washington on Friday to urge him to bring his Bosnian Croat protégés into line. The prospects for long-term

peace in Bosnia are also being jeopardised by an apparent inability of the United States and Europe to harmonise their approach to the Balkans. America has reportedly drawn up plans for a com-mando raid to seize Radovan Karadzic, the former president of the self-styled Republika Srpska, who is accused of war crimes. The scheme brought a swift retort yesterday from Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary. He said it would endanger the lives of British

and other lfor troops. The British Government, mean-while, rebuked Mostar's Croats, A Whitehall statement said the boycott had "worrying implications for the estab-lishment of a fully functioning [Muslim-Croat] Federation, which is a key pillar on which the Dayton agreement is based. The impasse between the

Bosnian Croats and EU came after Mostar's city elections on June 30. Residents voted to elect a single council to unify the city, which is divided between Croats, who would like to keep the city divided, and Muslims, who have been aiming for reunification. The Muslims won a 21-16 majority, but the Croats declared the elections fraudulent.

Croatia faced condemnation on another front yesterday, when the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights said that more than 115 Croatian Serbs had been "arbitrarily executed" and 110 others had "disappeared" when Croatian forces recaptured Krajina a year ago



Police arrest a punk in central Bremen yesterday after a "chaos day" was banned

German state police clash with punks FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN BREMEN DLICE in Police

POLICE in Bremen arrested 70 punks early yesterday after about 250, observing an annual celebration of anarchy, threw beer bottles at officers. No one was injured and the

group was released later.
"Chaos days" have been held annually in Hanover since the early 1980s, but officials in the north German city banned it this year after two consecutive years of looking and vandalism. Six thousand officers blocked Hanover's centre throughout the weekend to enforce the ban and the loosely organised event moved to nearby Bremen. Police there turned back hundreds of youths arriving at the railway station early on Saturday.

The punks expressed anger that they were not allowed to gather peacefully in the city, and hundreds fought police officers with stones, bottles and petrol bombs. Six officers were injured and a police vehicle was set on fire and

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Britain haunted by 1950s errors as euro beckons

uring the months to come, one argument will reverberate through the debate about Europe. If we stay out of the single currency. grave voices will warn, we will repeat the mistake of the 1950s when we disdainfully refused to join the original Common Market.
"Waiting longer will not

help us make up our minds," the economist Christopher Johnson says at the end of his philippic, In With the Euro, Out With the Pound. "The single currency countries ... will move ahead and write their own rules . . . It will be like Britain's refusal to sign the Treaty of Rome in 1957." Sir Roy Denman, a retired British Eurocrat, called his dyspeptic and witty critique of Britain's zigzags in

Europe, Missed Chances. You can argue about or not Britain would be right or wrong to pass up the single currency. But let's stop misusing history. The argument about the 1950s has more to do with exploiting guilt and fear than about analysing what went wrong. Forty years on, Europe and the world are different places. A decade after the war, tariff walls were still high, the Asian tiger economies had hardly been born. Soviet Russia was a superpower, and the Commonwealth a real institution.

That British ministers and officials of the time committed grotesque errors of judgment is beyond dispute. Many British officials dealing with the European Union now are haunted by the fear of committing the same sins. "No very spectacular developments are to be expected as a result of the Messina conference." advised the British Ambassador in Paris in 1956. After the European Economic Community took shape, the late Rab Butler confessed to having been "bored" by the speciacle of continental technocrats sitting down to

discuss customs barriers. The people fearful that Britain will lose influence by excluding itself now from a hard-currency zone conclude that the failure then was a tack of nerve and of leadership. All the chances, from the refusal to



Schumann plan in 1950 to the signing of the treaty in 1957, were missed because ministers should have tak-

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en the plunge and did not. But the real mistake was a myopic failure to foresee that the EEC's architects would succeed in setting up workable institutions. Getting the prediction wrong was not the same as getting

the policy wrong. In a clear and unsentimental analysis of this period. Professor John Young of Leicester University, argues that the important difference was between the policy of 1950-55, which tried to link Britain as closely as possible with arrangements whose ultimate federalist aim we did not share, and a different tack taken in 1956-57, which rejected the whole business. The first approach was not necessarily wrong: the sec-ond plainly was.

Britain's problems with the EU reflect, at the deepest level, disagreement about the distribution of political and economic power. In a pamphler* published today, the Tory MEP Graham Mather says that Britain must recognise "that our relationship with the European Union is misfiring because

of divergent objectives". In only one respect, the 1950s mirror the 1990s; our dilemma then and now was and is to find the best accommodation between engagement and not being locked into a political union. This reflects history. culture and economics before it has anything to do with failure of nerve. * Europe: UK in a Minority of One. European Policy Forum, 20 Queen Anne's Gate, London SWIH 9AA.

> William Rees-Mogg. 16 GEORGE BROCK

Chirac gets a taste for government reshuffle

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

PRESIDENT CHIRAC has launched an intensive lunching programme in recent days, wining and dining allies and opponents alike and fuelling speculation that the French leader is cooking up a substantial government re-

shuffle for the autumn. Last week M Chirac broke bread with three political heavyweights: Edouard Balladur, the former Prime Minister who was his unsuccessful rival for the presidency, Phi-lippe Seguin, the parliamenta-

(ROLL SEPMONTO FRL)

ry Speaker, and Alain Madelin, the Thatcherite for-Speaker, and Alain mer Finance Minister.

On Saturday he dined with Michel Rocard, the former Socialist Prime Minister, and before leaving for his summer holiday M Chirac will host private lunches with Charles Pasqua, the Gaullist former Interior Minister, and Fran-cois Léotard, head of the UDF. the junior partner in the ruling coalition.

The most notable absentee from the guest list has been 🥵 Alain Juppé. If there is more serious industrial unrest next month, then the enduringly unpopular Prime Minister is likely to find himself the prime candidate for public sacrifice.



CHANGING TIMES

Israel on alert as Hamas calls for anti-Arafat rising

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI military commanders placed security forces on ers placed security forces on alert yesterday after violence broke out between Hamas and the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank and threatened to spill over into Israel.

The threats against both Israel and Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian Authority chairman, were issued by Hamas, the militant Islamic group responsible for a series of suicide bombings inside Israel earlier this year. In a statement. Hamas called on members of its underground armed wing to strike Zionist targets in response to the crimes of Arafat's regime and its oppressive militias", and for the people to launch an intifada against the authority. Hamas branded Mr Arafat

a "collaborator" and blamed the Palestinian police for shooting dead one of its supporters. The killing came after the death of a Palesunian activist who was tortured in prison by Palestinian police in Nablus. Although the police officers responsible were jailed, the action failed to prevent riots in the city on Thursday. The next day police opened fire on demonstrators in the city of Tulkarm, killing the Hamas supporter and

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wounding about 15 others. The ings were claimed by Hamas crowd had stormed a Tulkarm and the smaller Islamic Jihad jail to protest at the detention of inmates without charges.
As rioting ensued, Israeli

military commanders on the West Bank were ordered to strengthen their numbers and to help Palestinian police to treat the wounded, but not to interfere in the fighting.

6 Jewish settlement activity is an effective cancellation of peace?

ordered the release of 20 Hamas prisoners in an attempt to end Hamas's uprising threat. The release was carried out for the public good," Arnin Hindi, chief of Palestinian intelligence, said. In the wake of the suicide

bombings in Israel in February and March, Palestinian police arrested nearly 900 Islamic militants. The bomb-

Test ban wins backing

Jerusalem: Israel, which some observers believe has secretly conducted two nuclear tests in the past, has agreed in princi-ple not to block the proposed Comprehensive Test Ban

Treaty (Ross Dunn writes). The decision indicates that Israel would sign the treaty if differences which have prevented India and Pakistan giving their consent to it can

Israel conducted one underground nuclear test in the Negev desert in 1966. It is also

believed to have tested a tactical nuclear warhead in the Indian Ocean in 1979, possibly with South Africa. Officially the Israeli Gov-

ernment denies having conducted such tests and insists it will not be the first country to 'introduce nuclear weapons' into the Middle East.

John Hollum, America's director of arms control, who visited here last week, said Israel's support could be the key to securing the agreement of other countries in the region, including Egypt.

group. Harnas sources say about 300 militants remain in Palestinian detention.

Priday's shooting incident, Hamas noted, came on the ramas noted, came on the same day the Israeli Cabinet gave the go-ahead for an expansion of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, home to more than two million Palestinians.

The decision led to an outcry from the Palestinian Authority and Arab leaders. Amar Moussa, Egypt's Foreign Minister, said the Arab world had been taken by surprise and warned Israel against expansions of Jewish settlements. The peace process could be in danger if the settlement process is mobi-lised to the extent we have heard," he said.

Saeb Erekat, a leading Palestinian Authority member, said: The Israeli Government's resolution is a serious setback to the peace process. I think settlement activity ... building settlements, expand-ing settlements is an effective

Cancellation of peace."

Although the Palestinian
Authority rejects Hamas's
charges that it is collaborating with Israel, there are signs that they are working closely on security issues. One example of this effort was a meeting scheduled in the Palestinian city of Ramallah of heads of the joint Israeli-Palestinian security committee to discuss rising crime in the West Bank after news that Israeli and Arab criminals were co-operating in drug dealing, car theft, forgery and

counterfeiting.

□ Jail escape: Two members of Islamic Jihad serving long sentences in an Israeli jail escaped yesterday, an Israeli police spokesman said. The two had apparently tunnelled their way out of a prison near



The largest piece of fuselage from TWA Flight 800 to be recovered so far, a 40th by 60ft piece of the forward section roof, is lifted to shore from a Navy barge at Shinnecock Coast Guard station (Quentin Letts writes).

Yesterday, scientists started to inspect the three-quarters of an inch thick "skin" of the roof of the Boeing 747, which crashed last month killing 230 people. The experts want to see if it had been scorched and marked by any residue of explosives.

On Saturday night, the bodies of a

Scientists study roof of TWA jet for evidence of explosives

pilot and a flight engineer were recovered. Captain Ralph G. Kevorkian, 58, of Garden Grove, California, and Richard G. Campbell, 63, a flight engineer from Ridgefield, Connecticut, were identi-fied by medical examiners. Speaking about the piece of roof,

Robert Francis, the vice-chairman of the US National Transportation Safe-ty Board, said: "It is a pretty graphic piece of evidence as to what happens to an aircraft when it crashes like this, wires dangling off, seats attached, pieces of galley, a coffee pot." He emphasised the importance to

erash investigators of the discovery of the cockpit, which appears to have been blown away from the rest of the aircraft. The gauges and switches may indicate what the pilots were doing at the time. Investigators are trying to get wreckage to shore as quickly as possible before evidence is corroded. The Navy's most senior diver inspected the cockpit at the weekend to see how it could best be

Iran defies US sanctions over Saudi bomb

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

IRAN dismissed as another propaganda ploy the latest "monotonous" American accusation that Tehran supports terrorism, and said it was confident of surviving punitive sanctions legislation due to be signed today by President

The war of words erupted after William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, said Iran was a prime suspect in the lorry bombing in June that

killed 19 American servicemen in Saudi Arabia. Where British. American and French troops were yesterday on alert for an imminent terror

At the weekend Iranian leaders denounced Mr Perry's remarks as "irresponsible" and the English-language Iran News, a paper close to the Foreign Ministry, said yester-day: "If the US can present documentation in support of

its accusations, it should do so or shut up."

Washington has vowed to take action against any coun-

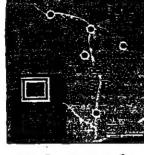
try proved to have been involved in the attack, Mr Perry, under pressure from the White House, later backtracked, insisting that his comments did not mean imminent action against Iran.

His clarification did little to allay Tehran fears of a military strike. Iranian officials and businessmen speculated that targets could include fran's unfinished nuclear reactor at Bushehr, oil facilities or a network of camps that Washington alleges are used to train foreign terrorists.

"I'm rethinking my plans to go to Tehran at the end of the month," said a prominent expatriate Iranian businessman who did not want to be named. Of less concern, he

Bill that penalises non-American firms investing \$40 million (£26 million) or more a year in oil and gas projects in Iran and Libya states that Washington accuses of sponsoring terrorism.

Tehran, encouraged by strident European and Russian opposition. said American sanctions had so far succeeded only in hurting US companies



Sri Lanka refugees flee army onslaught

FROM REUTER IN COLOMBO

SRI LANKAN authorities in the frontline town of Vavuniya are preparing for an influx of refugees fleeing an army of-fensive against Tamil Tiger rebels, military and aid officials said yesterday.

"We estimate almost 200,000 people have been displaced by the latest fighting," an aid official said. "We expect same of them to come to army-held areas and we are planning to send food to the others [in rebel-held areas]

Schools in and around Vavuniya, 138 miles north of Colombo, the capital, were being prepared to accommo-date the refugees. Most were hiding in the jungle to avoid troops advancing from the northern laffna peninsula to-wards rebel-held Kilinochchi, 44 miles north of Vavuniya.

Civilians and aid workers have reported heavy shelling by the Army, whose advance has been stalled for the past week just outside Kilinochchi. Most of the town's 150,000 people have fled. At least 11 soldiers and 60 Tamil Tigers were killed in yesterday's

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Britons complete record charity flight in Africa

FROM MARK HUBAND IN TANGLER

THREE young Britons flew out of Africa, bronzed, smiling and a little thinner yesterday after a record-breaking 18,000mile flight around every corner of the continent's coastline to raise money for wildlife.

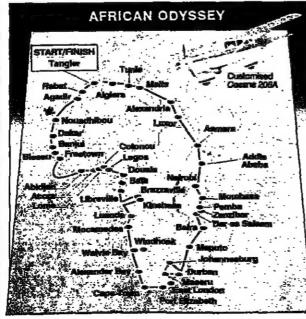
Piloting their own Cessna U206A, Lord Edward Manners, Johnny Beveridge and Dan Stephens completed what they believe was the first circumnavigation of the continent's coastline in a single-engine aircraft. They touched down in the north Moroccan port city of Tangier three months after leaving it behind at the start of their journey.

Lord Edward, 30, the son of the Duke of Rutland and a marketing consultant with British Airways, emerged beaming at Tangier airport despite still recovering from malaria.

The cabin of the three men's modified Cessna was packed with communications equipment for the trip to relay up-to-date accounts of their threemonth journey, and an additional fuel tank so they could fly non-stop for up to 14

In Ghana the team visited the first of five wildlife conservation projects, a zoo in Accra, recommended by the London Zoological Society as a potential recipient of some of the £130,000 they hope to raise for their Pan-African Conservation Trust (Pact).

By publicising the journey and the projects they visited, the three hope to raise money from individual and corporate sponsors, channelling donations over five years to conservationists whose strategy is to harmonise the needs of local



populations with those of the species in need of protection. Avoiding the war zones, the three men's self-financed

£25,000 trip gave them a glimpse of parts of the continent only accessible by aircraft. "I was surprised by the happiness that I saw," said Dan Stephens, a photogra-pher and first-time visitor to Africa, who has spent the past

few years working for Tatler.
"I was sort of expecting everybody to be hungry and ill. But I was cheered by what I saw. I don't think I ever saw a child crying, not in the way you see them crying in England."
"We found the real joy was oing to villages," said Johnny

Beveridge, a 31-year-old New York-based banker who is vice-president of Salomon Brothers. "I'll never forget Arba Mintch in Ethiopia, a tiny place we had to land in because of bad weather. Everybody we met in that village couldn't have been more

welcoming."

Mr Beveridge said that one stop in the heart of the Namibian bush was "magical, even after being chased by a rhino", as he described the efforts at saving rhinos made by the conservationist Garth Owen Smith at the Weldsend project. The aim really is to educate the local communities, and teach them that they have a role to play and should view wildlife as an asset."

The Rio Earth Summit addressed this issue in 1992, and the Pact initiative reflects growing awareness of the complications involved in ensuring humans are not ig-nored when the needs of rare and wild animals are debated. Increasingly, people in Africa have criticised conservationists for ignoring their needs.

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admiral Copenhagen: Admiral Hans Jorgen Garde, Denmark's chief of defence, and eight

other people were killed when a Royal Danish Air Force plane crashed into a cliff as it tried to land in poor visibility in the Faroe Islands (Christopher Follett writes).
A witness said that the twin-

engined Gulfstream III began to shudder as it approached an airstrip on the western tip of the islands, then turned upside down before hitting the cliffs. There were no survivors among a military delegation who were returning from Greenland and Iceland.

Blackout costs Malaysia dear

Kuala Lumpur: A 15-hour blackout across peninsular Malaysia at the weekend was a huge embarrassment and must not be allowed to recur, Anwar Ibrahim, the Deputy Prime Minister, said. A power failure at the Paka plant in Terengganu state triggered the blackout of many other plants. Asked about financial osses caused by the failure, Mr Anwar said: "They are certainly huge. It is very unfortunate." (Reuter)

New Zealand to shoot wild horses

Wellington: New Zealand's Conservation Department is expected to start shooting the first of up to 1,000 Kaimanawa wild horses today or tomor-row, despite widespread pro-tests (Jo Andrews writes). The Government says that the horses, partly descended from Exmoor and Welsh mountain ponies released last century. are an introduced species and are destroying native plants.

Real-life 'Kojak' dies at 82

New York: The policeman whose genial manner, use of common courtesies and keen sense of justice inspired the television cop Kojak — played on screen by Telly Savalas — has died, aged 82 (Quentin Letts writes). Thomas Cavanagah was a mainstay of Manhattan's 23rd precinct during the 1960s and 1970s.

Indonesia's democracy leader Air crash faces political duel with police

INDONESIA'S pro-democracy leader is expected to defy a police summons today to explain in person why she organised public meetings criticising high-level corruption and nepotism.

This would further antagonise the military-dominated Government, which is determined to crush the first serious challenge in 30 years to President Suharto's virtual one-man rule. Megawati Sukarnoputri,

49, spent the weekend at home in the southern Jakarta suburbs with her lawyers, preparing answers to a battery of anticipated questions and planning her legal strategy. The summons requires her to attend police headquarters at 10am today. Her lawyers in-sisted last night that legal aspects of the document must be clarified first. "She will not

appear," a family member

said. This amounts to a plan designed to dely the Government without openly confront-ing it. Miss Megawati has decided against a high-profile

pro-democracy campaign, which could justify even more aggressive measures against her movement. She intends to submit herself to early police questioning, perhaps this week, but not without being seen to be difficult about it. She will tell her interrogators that her

it more accountable and less The police summons had to be authorised by President Suharto, because Miss Megawati is a member of parliament. She believes her subtle approach will be more difficult for the Government to counter than a confrontational

objective is not to overthrow

the Government, but to make

the kind launched by Corazon Aquino in the Philippines.

Miss Megawati's lawyers said the summons declared that she was being called as a witness to allegations of slander made against President Suharto at her "democracy forum," as six weeks of daily public protest meetings outside her headquarters were known. Police also plan to ask what role she played in the Jakarta riots nine days ago.

The Government's heavyhanded response to her lowkey challenge has been a gift. Barely two months after making its first appearance, the campaign is firmly estab-lished in Jakarta and some other urban centres. The countryside, where political activity is banned on the grounds that the rural masses should not be politicised, remains largely unaware of the emergent ur-"people power" movement of ban turmoil.

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China 'persecuting people for religion'

FROM JAMES PRINGLE

IN HONG KONG

AMNESTY International claimed yesterday that religious groups in China were being restricted again and individuals persecuted. Strict official rules on religion had led to arbitrary detention of believers peacefully exercising their rights to worship, the human rights organisation said, urging Chinese authorities to ease persecution,

"The implementation of national and local regulations on religious activities in China results in some areas in severe res-trictions on peaceful religious activities and in the persecution of members of religious groups," Amnesty noted.

Analysts said that one of the more significant side-effects of reform since

early 1979 has been a revival of religious practice of Buddhist and Taoist beliefs, which are again being expressed public-ly. Islam and Christianity were also flourishing, with Protestant evangelism being carried on with particular fervour in some areas.

China formally recognises five reli-gious groups — Buddhism, Taoism (an old indigenous philosophy faith). Islam, Catholicism and Protestantism. However, many believers belong to

groups not recognised. Diplomats note that all religious groups must still register with the Government and that the security authorities regularly carry out surveillance of religious activities. The Amnesty report, released yestergroups were harassed and detained, and

their leaders sometimes jailed. This year there have been numerous announcements of moves against "religious extremism" in the mainly Muslim Xinjiang province and in Tibet, where a campaign against support for the exiled Dalai Lama has been pursued

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Day one of a new series which examines the mysterious world of consciousness — and

What gives us our sense of self?

THINKING is a kind of miracle: but being aware that we are thinking is even more miraculous, and remains the central mystery of human existence. Philosophers have argued for thousands of years about the nature of consciousness, its location and its mode of action, but in the past two decades scientists have also waded in, with stimulating

Even defining what we mean by consciousness is not very easy. At one level, it simply means being awake, rather than asleen, or drugged. But the more profound meaning is that of self-awareness — "the perception of what passes in a man's own mind" as the philosopher Locke put it. This seems so International Dictionary of Psychology, de-

different from ordinary thought that the philosophical tradition has been to separate mind — the seat of consciousness — from brain, the centre of calculation. This dualist perception, championed by Descartes, still survives though it impresses few neuroscientists. What they mostly believe was described by Francis Crick in his book *The* Astonishing Hypothesis. Everything that goes on in our heads, our joys and sorrows, our memories and ambitions, our sense of personal identity and free will, is

in fact no more than the behaviour of a vast assembly of nerve cells, he asserted.

According to this view, consciousness and the mind are a by-product of complexity. As the human brain expanded, and developed everricher neural connections, it one day passed the point at which it became aware of itself. If so, there is no reason in principle why we should not one day develop conscious computers - though it isn't imminent.

The argument explains why it is that man, with the biggest brain in the animal kingdom, has developed the richest inner life. Animal rights activists notwithstanding, the human brain is orders of magnitude more powerful than that of any other creature, though size is clearly not the only criterion. Neanderthal Man had a brain as large as Homo sapiens. but never developed language or culture.

The past few years have seen a rush of attempts to explain the nature of consciousness in scientific terms. Daniel Dennett's Consciousness Explained ("a rather premature title, don't you think?" said Professor Crick) has been followed by a more modest volume by Dennett, more cautiously entitled Kinds of Minds: towards an understanding of con-sciousness. This book and another recent contribution are discussed below.

Given the enormous ignorance about how the brain functions, it may seem presumptuous to address the even more mysterious world of consciousness, and that indeed is how some scientists feel. Stuart Sutherland, in The

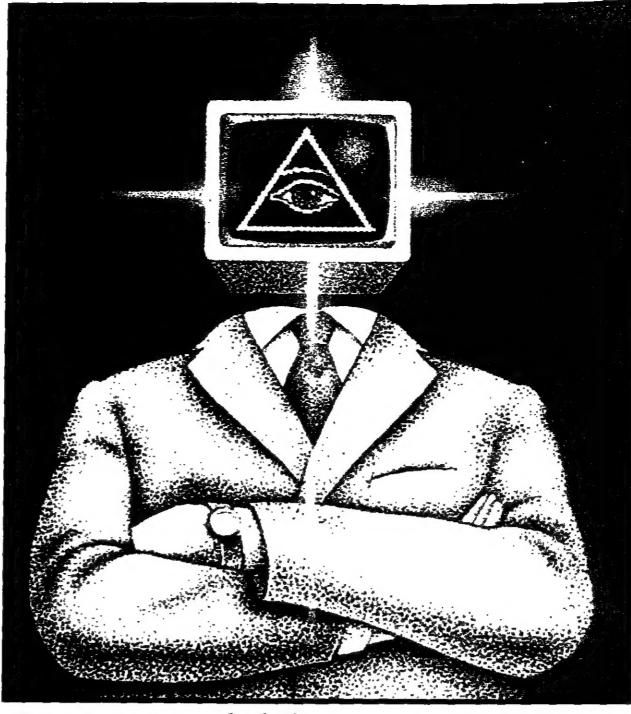
clares that consciousness is a fascinating but elusive phenomenon. "It is impossible to specify what it is, what it does, or how it evolved. Nothing worth reading has been writ-ten about it." So deep is the ignorance that even raising the subject in a scientific audience used to raise eyebrows, suggesting that you had gone soft in the head. At best, many claims about the nature of consciousness are little better than arm-waving: at worst, they wander into the world of New Age philosophy and mysticism. In between are theories that sound pretty wild but are put

forward by very serious people, such as the mathematician Sir Roger Penrose, that consciousness is generated by quantum events in tiny sections of the brain cells called

There is a danger, recognised by Crick, that expectations have been raised too far. "Unless we are careful," he told The Times Higher Education Supplement in a recent interview, "results will trickle out slowly and in a few years' time consciousness will become unfash-

Others disagree, as the flood of books makes plain. After years of neglect it is clear that consciousness is on the scientific agenda. But understanding may have to wait a while.

NIGEL HAWKES



You could be a machine

THE SCIENCE OF SELF

t has been described as the most profound mystery of our time. Some say it will never be solved: others argue that it will eventually be laid bare by the astonishing pace of scientific advancement. Whatever the current thinking. there has never been a more exhilarating period in the debate about consciousness.

By a fortunate coincidence, two important books on the conscious mind appear this

month. Permed by two of the best-known names in the field. who also happen to be intellectual adversaries, they offer contradicting views on the

origin of our inner souls. Together, Kinds of Minds by Daniel Dennett, and The Conscious Mind, by David Chalmers, reveal inside views of science's most fashionable and controversial question: what is

In Kinds of Minds, Dennett embraces neuroscience as a tion of consciousness. His position at the renowned Tufts University. Massachusetts. enables him to fuse the best that science and philosophy can offer - he is director of the university's Centre for Cognitive Studies, and Distinguished Arts and Sciences Professor. He is of the opinion that there is nothing special or magic or deep about consciousness. It is stitched into

the fabric of the brain. Dennett argues that solving the easy problems about what physically goes on in the brain will cause the so-called hard problem of consciousness how we feel and think and experience things - to vanish. The genuine hard problem is getting others to see that the easy problems are the only

problems." Dennett says.

Although he admits that the notion is seductive, Dennett thinks it is wrong to consider consciousness as a single.

sum of many abilities, or competencies. He says:
One competency is our ability to discriminate between many different situations and environments, and to respond to them appropriately. Another is that we can report on our environment, so language is important. But another one is the capacity to be moved and

feel emotion at certain events." ous missing link between the physical goings-on in our grey matter, and subjective experience. Ultimately each of us is just a brain in a body, and the brain is merely a machine. Of all the drafts of reality this machine is churning out. consciousness is the dominant mental state at any one time.

Some might say that this is a rather depressing view of humanity, but an unsurprising one given Dennett's background in artificial intelligence. After all, what is there in his view which distinguishes your brain from a nifty arrangement of silicon chips? Startlingly, nothing. He believes that machines can be

conscious. Dennett cites a well-known thought experiment to support his case. First, he says, think of the billions of neurons firing away inside your brain, sending mental instructions scurrying to and fro in your head. Now imagine that, day by day, these neurons were replaced by tiny silicon chips. Each chip would be wired in an identical way to the neuron it replaced.

and perform the same physical function. At what stage would you no longer be conscious?

"It is preposterous to say there is a part of the brain that snuffs out consciousness. The only thing that stops us from doing this experiment is suitable technology." Dennett says. "After all, there is a treatment for deafness which replaces damaged nerves in the brain with circuitry, and we have no problem with that. gans, like hearts and kidneys."

Taken to its logical conclusion, you could end up with a scalp full of silion - in other words, you could be a machine - and still be conscious. Provided the chips allowed you to respond to your environment, describe your feelings and undergo emotional experiences, your new, metal brain would fulfil

Dennett's description of con-

sciousness. "People are offended by my view because, if. consciousness can be reduced in this way, it means we are no longer special." he says.

According to Sir Roger Penrose. Professor of Mathematical Physics at Oxford University. Dennett's conviction that the problem is just about solved is too optimistic.

"I don't think it is simply a matter of saying that the brain is a computer. And I would disagree with his thought experiment, since I don't think that neurons are simply switches. All these thought experiments make huge false assumptions." he says.

Professor Francis Crick, the co-discoverer of the structure of DNA now studying comsciousness at the Salk Institute. San Diego, thinks Dennett, in championing brain matter as the key, is closer to the answer than Chalmers's more philosophical view. Crick points out that some unusual neurological disorders, such as blindsight, may help us to find out how some actions can be carried out without consciousness.

Deople suffering blind-sight have damage in their primary visual cortex, and are blind in part of the visual field. If something is placed in this blind spot, they say they cannot see it. How ever, if they are asked to point at it, they point correctly more often than not, suggesting they can see it but are not conscious of seeing it.

The explanation of this phenomenon, say neurologists, lies in the way the visual information is processed. The information appears to bypass the primary visual cortex but sneaks into a part of the brain which allows us to point at things. This, says Dennett, is partial proof that brain matter is sufficient for consciousness.

Crick draws an analogy that Dennett himself is fond of using. In the early days. people thought there was a life force, but this belief disappeared once we knew the details. That is very much Dennett's attitude, but this argument is an analogy, not a proof. However, there may be something in his idea that the brain is constantly in flux.

But we don't know how to define consciousness, any more than molecular biologists can really say what the

word gene means."

Crick feels that philosophical debate will not advance human knowledge of consciousness much further: "New questions will develop as our knowledge develops. because they are not as close to the subject as scientists, but that's as far as it goes.

"I feel that the real test of any consciousness theory is whether it suggests real experiments which we can do, not these thought experiments which philosophers get carried away with."

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The concept of 'I'

THERE ARE two things that might be meant by ness of the world, and one's self-awareness. I tend to think Dennett's approach is right. Consciousness is a biological fact. The mystery comes with self-consciousness, I and the concept of 1. A computer could ultimate-ly be conscious, but there is a

difference between tion and having an awareness of what is involved in possessing it. To be aware of its own kind, and to have that desire to mould

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ness, such as our response to hearing a Beethocomputer, and perhaps run ven quartet. A scientist cun explain this in terms of physi-Dennett can say there is no cal sounds, and shocks revermystery to consciousness. because his "consciousness" is berating around the central seriously underdescribed. The nervous system, but that misses the real meaning: the main part of the mystery has meaning of this for me, and been left out: the concept of self, and the self's understandits uncanny way of proving "apartness" from ing of its relation to the world. I am inclined to think selfphysical reality. consciousness can be ex-

using amateur science.

Roger Scruton is Professor of Philosophy at Boston University, Massachusetts, Interview by Giles



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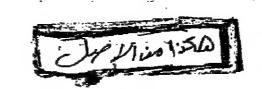
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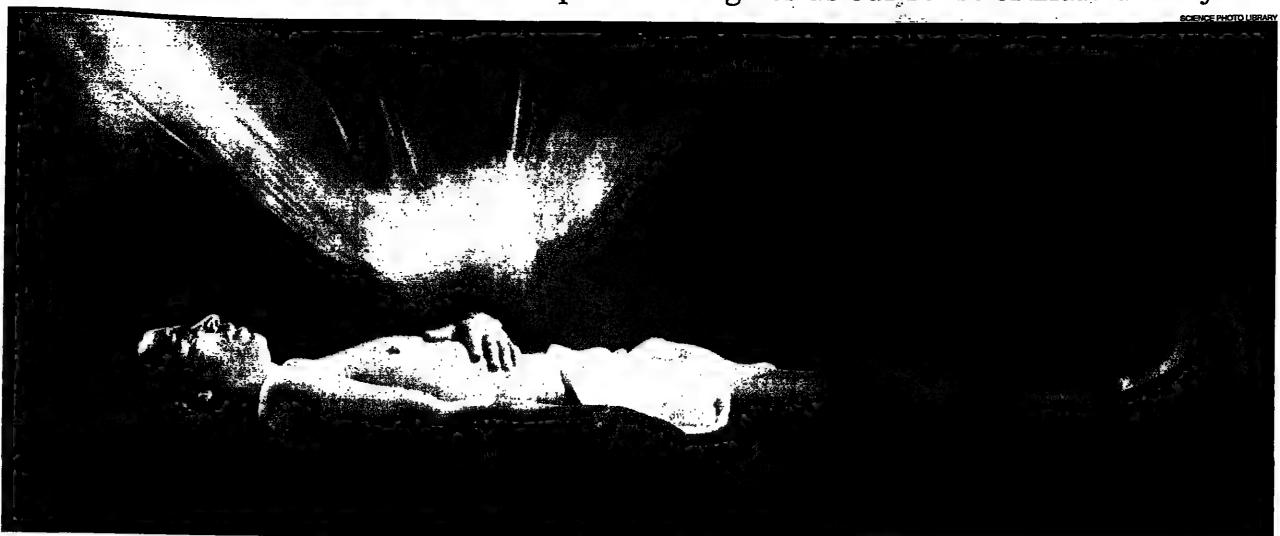


plained, but it is more com-

plicated than Dennett implies. The debate is unlikely to be MANGADAY AUGUST

sciousness.

questions whether science can ever explain what gives us our sense of individuality



ith his youthful looks and flowing locks, David Chalmers holds beliefs which are likewise at odds with Daniel Dennett's bespectacled image as an elder statesman of modern philosphy.

Chalmers has proved to be a popular but unorthodox newcomer to a privileged coterie of academics. Perhaps, admirers say, it is because he has been unafraid to stand up and confront what many regard as a total ignorance of the subject. Formerly a talented mathematician (he went to Oxford University as a Rhodes scholar in mathematics), he was inspired to switch disciplines while hitch-hiking

across Europe.

"All of us have thought about consciousness at some time. I had always been fascinated by it, and spending a lot of time waiting at the roadside gave me the time to really think about it," he says. Now, at the impressively young age of 30, Austra-lian-born Chalmers has risen to become Professor of Philosophy at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

The Conscious Mind, his first book, is tellingly subtitled In Search of a Fundamental Theory. This is the backbone of his argument - that conscious experience is one of the absolute fundamentals of nature, rather like space and time. He calls it irreducible — delying description in terms of anything simpler. This

uncompromising viewpoint has earned Chalmers a reputation as a hard-school philosopher, who believes that as far as a theory is concerned, consciousness is in a class of

This has enraged the neuroscientists, who see no problem with brain cells (neurons) and biological processes giving rise to our sense of self. But Chaimers insists that, while he does not dispute Dennett's view that the roots of consciousness lie in the brain, neuroscience cannot reveal what gives you or me a sense of "me-ness". It fails to explain subjective experience, such as being stirred by a piece of classical music, or being moved by catching a whiff of a favourite perfume. These feelings are known collectively as qualia. The fact that all of us will experience and feel something when exposed to music and perfume — that there is somebody at home inside our heads - shows that conscious experience is not an illusion.

Man's last mystery

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"I accept that there is a correlation between what happens in the brain and consciousness, but correlation is not an explanation," Chalmers says. "The brain theory doesn't say anything about the how and why of what goes on. I think there is an extra, irreducible ingredient, and this is a fundamental theory that connects the physical processes in the brain to consciousness." He suggests the missing link is an abstract he calls "information".

Although his theory is sketchy, Chalmers shows clearly where the Great Divide in the consciousness debate lies. He suggests that those who think consciousness can be explained by looking at the the nuts and bolts of the brain are

believes there is more to consciousness than a physical, or materialistic, aspect. He thinks there is a deeper mystery — the "hard problem" — which continues to niggle. His view, essentially that we are made of both body and mind, makes him a modern-day Descartes, who first articulated that there was more to being human than being a bundle of matter.

The mystery to Chalmers is how the brain acts as an "experiencer". And, he says, this mystery is so deep that it really has nothing to do with neurons (brain cells) at all. To say there isn't a hard problem is to deny that we have thoughts, feelings and experiences. You cannot explain something by saying it doesn't unscientific."

The response by scientists has been reserved. Two of the most eminent figures in the field — Sir Roger Penrose, Professor of Mathematical Physics at Oxford University, and Francis Crick, the Nobel prizewinner and co-discoverer of the structure of DNA who is now based at the Salk Institute, San Diego - are united in thinking Chalmers has had more luck in knocking down old ideas than building new

Sir Roger says: "Chalmers has had quite an impact as a philosopher, and he has written a good philosophy book. But as a scientific treatise on the origins of consciousness, one might think that there is not very much there."
He adds: "On the idea of

splitting the problem into hard and easy parts, of course he's right. He doesn't actually tackle that fundamental ignorance but he is also right in thinking that understanding consciousness requires a major revolu-

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perhaps bigger than anything we have The feeling computer Professor Crick, who has just turned 80,

is famed not only for his many contributions to science but also his stern attitude towards those who distract scientists from the real problem of consciousness (this includes philosophers and journalists). He sums it up thus: "Although philosophers can ask questions, they're not very good at providing the answers."

He is not completely anti-Chalmers: "I don't entirely agree with all the criticisms that have been levelled against him. You can't get away from the fact there is a hard problem. But I don't think it necessarily requires something radical.

However, I don't think he has really made a positive contribution. Some of ideas are very sketchy and I am not very keen on thought experiments. However, his background as a mathematician makes him rather interesting to talk to."

How can Chalmers overcome such eminent scepticism? He is saved by his modesty. In chapter eight he writes: "The goal is not to set out a framework that will withstand close philosophical scrutiny: instead [my ideas] are put forward in the spirit of getting ideas onto the table."

The Conscious Mind, OUP, £18.99.

IS IT possible to build conscious-machines? In my view the answer is yes - but they may not be conscious in the same way that humans are. They will be conscious in an artificial way, which tries to encompass the things which we constitute as consciousness.

The difficulties in the debate are

caused because we have no real definition of consciousness. Subjective experiences such as mental imagery. desires and feelings are attributed to consciousness in humans because we have language — we say we are conscious because we can describe the feelings that we consider consciousness to be. For example, if I am talking to you on the telephone, you consider me to be conscious. But if I told you that I was a machine, you would remove that

gift from me. In the lab we make silicon chips which simulate functions of the brain on computer. Chalmers argues that even if we look in the head and see how

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systems could develop firing patterns of neurons which, if they could speak, would say "Yes, I sense the presence of Mozart" or "I am enjoying the smell of this rose" in the artifical domain.

Experiences, like feeling the beauty of a sunset, are built into the mechanisms by which we see; they are just the product of a more complex set of sensory processes. These are still caused by the firing of neurons in the

Those who argue that there is a mystical gap between neurons firing and what we experience are expressing a belief conjured up by cultural fashions. They feel that consciousness is so important that it cannot be explained by science. But experiments will prove them wrong.

● Projessor Aleksander is head of neural systems engineering at Imperial College and author of Impossible Minds: My Neurons. My Consciousness (IC Press, September 12).

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THERE is too much of a distinction made between the consciousness of people and of animals and of inanimate things. I don't think there is a cast-iron distinction between live and dead matter, or at least the distinction is of degree, not of kind - there might be consciousness in a lump of rock. We concentrate on our own consciousness, but humanity will disappear before it understands even the consciousness of a guat.

Even rocks breathe, in a strange sort of way. It might well be our parochialism that

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leads us to think that we are so enormously different, that we have nothing in common with other things. Certainly, we are a very distinguished lot, but there may be others to whom our consciousness is of no

more significance than that of a rock is to us. If you ask what is the purpose of the universe, it is matter moving into consciousness.

Whether that movement will be evolution or explosion, I don't know. A rock may be farther back than us, but it is part of this movement and

This way of thinking would

will one day explode into anything I can possibly know. That is why we feel a frisson consciousness itself.

different view of everything.

Matter is only Lionel Blue one stage on a journey to consciousness, which is the only part of the journey that I can discern - but there must be other states, beyond

And that frisson cannot be explained by electrical activity not sound radical in Eastern thought, where a continuum in the brain. There is electrical is acknowledged, where we activity in a rock! A rock has and all other things are part of something going on, too. There are many levels of consciousness and we can't a bigger play. But we are interested only in the little bit of the universe that

make these very firm classifiwe know; we will cations from our human standpoint, because from the never know how a beetle looks at us, standpoint of another form of or at the world. As consciousness, we are the soon as you get away from an idea same as rocks. Reality can be explained in so many ways that do not of humans at the exclude each other. Science centre, you have a has been the glory of our time

but it does not, alone, explain. Science can describe consciousness or reality, and use its information - but you would also need some glint of a hunch, or a spark from another level, to get the whole thing going. Interview by Giles Coren

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What happens to consciousness during transcendental meditation? Plus, why we dream

The pursuit of human happiness

with descriptions of human misery. De-pression, anxiety and alienthe emotion we spend our lives pursuing, gets scarcely a men-tion and, when it does, it tends to be dismissed rather airily. The psychiatrist Thomas Szasz declared: "Happiness is an imaginary condition, formerly attributed by the living to the dead, now usually attributed by adults to children, and by hildren to adults."

Yet when psychologists do study happiness, they find there is a lot more of it about than they suspected. Most people, in most circumstances. tend to be happy rather than sad. Even those who have least to be thankful for - the unemployed or the paraplegic report that on balance their lives have more happiness in them than sorrow.

Faced with this some scientists now think human beings are "hard-wired" for happiness. The sentiment is built into our genes, probably because being happy and outgo-

Do we have a pre-set level of contentment dependent neither ation are the psychiatrist's stock-in-trade. Yet happiness, the emotion we spend and limit to the psychiatrist's stock-in-trade. Yet happiness, the emotion we spend and limit to the psychiatrist's stock-in-trade. Yet happiness, the emotion we spend and limit to the psychiatrist's stock-in-trade. Yet happiness, the emotion we spend and limit to the psychiatrist's stock-in-trade. Yet happiness, the emotion was spend and limit to the psychiatrist's stock-in-trade. Yet happiness, the emotion was spend and limit to the psychiatrist's stock-in-trade. Yet happiness, the emotion was spend and limit to the psychiatrist's stock-in-trade. Yet happiness, the emotion was spend and limit to the psychiatrist's stock-in-trade. Yet happiness, the emotion was spend and limit to the psychiatrist's stock-in-trade. Yet happiness, the emotion was spend and limit to the psychiatrist's stock-in-trade. Yet happiness, the emotion was spend and limit to the psychiatrist's stock-in-trade. Yet happiness, the emotion was spend and limit to the psychiatrist's stock-in-trade. Yet happiness, the emotion was spend and limit to the psychiatrist's stock-in-trade. Yet happiness, the emotion was spend and limit to the psychiatrist's stock-in-trade. Yet happiness, the emotion was spend and limit to the psychiatrist's stock-in-trade. Yet happiness, the emotion was spend and limit to the psychiatrist's stock-in-trade. Yet happiness, the psychiatrist's stock-in-trade and limit to the psychiatrist's Nigel Hawkes reports

> Ed Diener, of the University of Illinois, has made a long study of happiness, or "subjective wellbeing" as social scientists refer to call it. He argues that it makes evolutionary sense for people to be happy because negative events and emotions that might pose a risk to survival will stand out more and grab our attention.

His belief has recently been given strong support by a study at the University of Minnesota, where a unique registry of twins has been used to measure the degree to which a happy disposition is inherited. The conclusion reached by David Lykken and Auke Tellegen, and published in a recent Issue of Psychological Science, is that happiness is indeed heritable.

Psychologists measure wellbeing in a variety of ways. The simplest is to ask people to rate their own lives on a scale such as the "satisfaction with life" scale, which offers five different wellbeing levels to select, or the "delighted-terrible" scale which offers seven levels between the two extremes. There is a risk, as Dr Diener

acknowledges, that respondents who report themselves as happy are really miserable but in denial. That can be checked by getting responses from family members, or by asking people to recall on any given day whether they had more positive than negative experiences. A more sophisticated method is to provide respondents with bleepers. and ask them to record their mood every time the bleeper goes off. In this way, mood can be sampled at random intervals during the day. Whatever the method, how-

ever, the results are broadly the same. American students given the bleepers reported they were happy 80 per cent of ten-point scale consistently record scores in the sevens for

A long-term study of twins has added considerable weight to the proposition that a happy disposition can be passed down from parent to child

Americans. The Japanese and French, measured on the same scale, register in the sixes. though the British are more cheerul, rating 7.5 in a survey carried out in the 1980s.

This study, which covered 24 nations, showed that happiness is only loosely linked to wealth. True, wealthy countries such as Switzerland appeared happy, but so did the Irish, at the other end of the income scale. Only the Portuguese appeared truly gloomy. Dr Diener believes that above

a certain minimum level of wealth, happiness is not greatly dependent on money.

More striking, perhaps, is the finding that people one would expect to be miserable are in fact as happy as the rest of us. Dr Diener asked a group of working adults and a group of psychology students whether they thought unemployed men were unhappy. All the adults and 95 per cent of the students guessed that they were. Yet when the unemployed were asked the same

question, they emerged as only mar-'Onlv ginally less happy than the rest of us.

The same is true of great wealth; in one survey people on Forbes's list of wealthiest Americans reported only slightly greater happiness than the average American. Yet it is clear that

some people are happier than others. Dr Lykken argues that although people adapt surprisingly quickly to news both good or bad, returning fairly quickly to their normal level of happiness, that level varies from individual to individual. Using the twin registry at Minne-sota, he and Dr Tellegen have attempted to tease out the

They gave a questionnaire to 2:310 of the twins, finding that most of the respondents were pretty content. Education levels, socio-economic status and even marriage accounted for very little of the variance in wellbeing between the individuals. Nor did religious belief: Religious conversion or being born again' is said to be a joyful experience." they report. but its effect on mood may not be more lasting than being promoted or winning the lottery. They used data

from a group of twins who had tak-Portuguese en the happiness appeared test when they were 20, and again truly when they were 30. They compared the gloomy' score of one twin at 20 with the other at 30, and vice-versa

> analysis. For identical twins, who share the same genes, they found that an individual's score correlated with their twin's score after this interval about 80 per cent as strongly as it did with their own score after the same time. For nonidentical twins, the correlation as essentially zero.

a "cross-twin, cross-time"

This means that at least a part of the variation in happiness between individuals is heritable. Dr Lykken believes that this "stable" element ac-counts for half the variation in happiness - a far greater amount than can be accounted for by variation in individual

No one doubts that making the team, being promoted at work or winning the lottery

tends to bring about an incre-ment in happiness," they write. "just as flunking out, being laid off, or a disastrous investment would be likely to diminish one's sense of wellbeing. But the effects of these events appear to be temporary fluctuations about a stable

temperamental set-point. The reported wellbeing of one's identical twin, either now or ten years earlier, is a far better predictor of one's own self-rated happiness than is one's own educational achievement, income, or status."

While it is good news that most people are happy, the very stability of the emotion does pose problems for treating those who are not. "It may be that permanently raising wellbeing above a certain setpoint is quite difficult." Dr Diener says. But he still believes that providing help to such people will be easier if we understand what it is that allows most people to be

And the answer to that, he implies, is setting goals that are only slightly above reality - something that chronically gloomy people may be unable to do. "Satisfaction is less a matter of getting what you want than wanting what you have." he remarks.

'Naked DNA' holds the key to a new TB jab

Vaccine unveiled

successful vaccination against smallpox. He had a hunch it might work, though no real idea why. Now history is repeating itself.

Scientists in Britain and America are pioneering a new form of vaccination, in which "naked DNA" is injected into the muscle. On the face of it, the idea is as implausible as Jenner's, but like his it seems to

Dr Douglas Lowrie and colleagues from the National Institute for Medical Research im Mill Hill have shown that mice

can be protected against TB by injecting them with a vaccine made from naked DNA. The results are as good as the existing vaccine, called BCG and originally introduced in 1908.

The DNA actually comes from the agent that causes leprosy, a mycobacterium which is closely related to the one responsible for TB. The team isolated the length of DNA the leprosy bacterium uses to make a protein called hsp65, and injected it directly into the muscles of the mice. They did so without any of the elaborate "vectors" used to carry genes in gene therapy.

The muscle cells then began to manufac-

ture hsp65, using the recipe carried by the DNA. The immune systems of the mice developed antibodies against this foreign substance, enabling them to recognise and

carries the same protein The team found equally good

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Nigel Hawkes

results could be achieved by injecting the DNA for another mycobacterial protein, and a

team from Belgium and the US demonstrated the same for a third. All the results are published in Nature Medicine.
"Obviously we're still at the

stage of research in mice and a safe and effective vaccine for humans could take years to develop," said Dr Lowrie. "However, this is a very prom-ising start indeed and with TB on the increase any new leads in fighting the disease have to

In the same issue of the journal, a third team from the Weizmann Institute in Israel. Stanford University and the University of California at San Francisco show that naked DNA can also protect mice against a disease that is the mouse equivalent of multiple sclerosis.

This suggests that DNA vaccines may have a big future in protecting against a range of diseases, but why the method works so well remains a a mystery. The Mill Hill team show that if the protein, rather than its gene, is injected it does not produce immunity. Possibly the gene works because it can produce low levels of the protein over a long period of time, teaching the immune system to recognise it effectively and mount

Space Age calls on the Stone Age



SCIENTISTS at Newcastle University have married the Stone Age to the Space Age to track the movements of the continents. Geoffrey Blewitt and colleagues use the Global Positioning Sys-

tem of 24 satellites to monitor the movements of the Earth's crust, but needed a stable position for their receiver.

Normally they would have used hedrock but their site had none. They could have put the receiver on top of a concrete pillar, but rejected the idea because concrete can shrink. They took inspiration instead from menhirs, Neolithic standing stones which have endured for 4,000 years. From a block of carbonate rock they

carved a flat-topped pyramid eight feet high. five feet across the base, and weighing 4.5 tons. They excavated a hole in the ground until they reached rock, and cemented their menhir to it. From the top, which is flush with the ground, they make measurements every 30 seconds, monitoring crustal movements to less than one millimetre.

How background noise helps the deaf

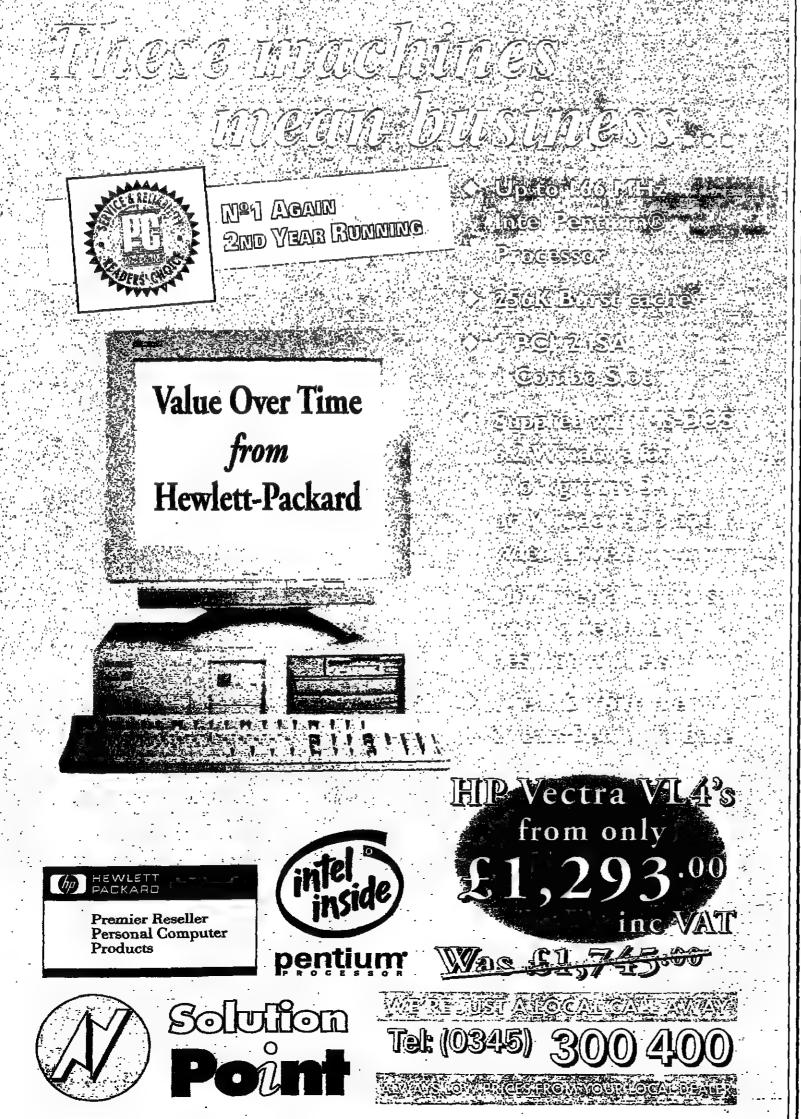


HERE'S a paradox: some weak signals are easier to pick up if there is some background noise. Now research at St George's Hospital Medical School has

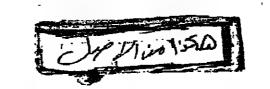
shown that cochlear plants — the electronic ears given to the profoundly deaf — would work better if noise were deliberately added to them.

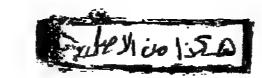
Professor Ted Evans and Robert Morse used the sciatic nerves of toads to model the nerves in the human ear. In the profoundly deaf, the hair cells in the inner ear, or cochlea, which turn sound waves into electrical signals, are missing. They can be replaced by cochlear implants, which pick up sounds and turn them into signals fed to

the nerve. The results aren't brilliant.
The researchers found that by adding noise to the electrical stimulus, the output to the nerve much more closely resembles normal hearing. "This is an exciting finding" says Professor Evans. "because it means that we may be able to improve the effectiveness of cochlear implants.



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he story of Martin Guerre, the most celebrated cuckold in French history, has so far inspired two novels, an operetta, a play, two musicals, a sound-andlight show, three films, an annual festival and more than 400 years of speculation.

In 1556 a man walked into the French village of Artigat, near Toulouse, and announced (falsely) that he was Martin Guerre, a local peasant landowner who had abandoned his heautiful young wife many years carlier.

The tale of the impostor who successfully establishes himself in another man's identity, home and marital bed, still has peculiar resonance, particularly in France, where adultery has traditionally been considered a sport for all.

Now the musical impresario Cameron Mackintosh's version of the tale at the Prince Edward Theatre has added yet another allsinging all-dancing element to a story that has long obsessed

In the 1981 film The Return of Martin Guerre Gérard Depardieu portrayed the impostor, Amaud du Thil as a cuddly and plausible peasant. In the American remake, Sommersby, Richard Gere and Jodie Foster gave the saga a new twist by setting it in post-Civil War Tennessee.

Most recently it was brought up to date in the award-winning French film Le Bonheur est dans le Pre, featuring no less an actor than the philosopher-footballer Eric Cantona. In this interpreta-tion the Martin Guerre character turns out to be a vicious armed robber and his double a depressed toilet-hrush manufacturer who finds himself impersonating another man.

But for all its many later incarnations, the true story of Martin Guerre, which has been pieced together from loth-century sources by the historian Natalie

Ben Macintyre explains why the rascal who has fascinated authors and film-makers has lost none of his seductive power authors and film-makers has lost none of his seductive power

Zemon Davies, remains more extraordinary than anything Hol-lywood or the West End could

The original Martin Guerre was, it appears, a far from ideal husband and his marriage to Bertrande de Rols got off to a tricky start: he was 14, she was ten; she was beautiful, he was impotent. Ten years later, Guerre abandoned Artigat and his wife, and went off to the wars.

Enter, some years later, Arnaud du Thil, a charming rascal with a prodigious memory and a fat stomach which carned him the nickname "Pansette", or beer belly. Arnaud resembled the misman and had coached himself in the details of Guerre's past. He persuaded Bertrande to go along with the ruse, it seems, by the expedient of making



in love with him. The fake Martin Guerre enjoyed his role, his "wife" and his newfound prosperity for three years until a dispute with Guerre's

uncle led to rumours that he was an impostor (fuelled by the village shoemaker, who pointed out that his feet were smaller), and then to a bizarre court case.

Through two trials Arnaud brilliantly maintained his false identity, and would doubtless have got away with it completely if the real Martin Guerre had not stomped back onto the scene, now with the addition of a wooden leg.

Arnaud was convicted of fraud

and adultery, hanged and then burnt in the village square. Bertrande, with admirable hmadmindedness, once again hecame the wife of the real Martin Guerre, who had clearly overcome his earlier infirmity as he subse-

quently fathered two children. At the time everyone fiercely debated the moral ambiguities of than her grumpy and departed husband? What kind of chutzpah made Arnaud think he could pull off his scam? Or did he originally plan to confuse Bertrande for just long enough to take the money?

The story can still touch chords of male and female fantasy. Few romen, left in the lurch by a grim husband, would not be tempted to trade their virtue for a gallant impostor, while the seductive role of Arnaud du Thil is one that might cross the mind of even the most morally upright man.

ertainly at least one of the judges who sentenced Arnaud to hang felt a sneaking sympathy for him-tinged with envy. "It was truly a tragedy for this fine peasant," vrote Jean de Coras in his acount of the case, published in 1561.

But perhaps most importantly,

the institution of marriage both now and then, when revolutionary Protestant ideas where taking

Had the Guerres lived in Reformed Geneva, as Ms Davies observes, they would never have been allowed to marry so young and a wife who was abandoned by her husband without "having given him any occasion or being in any way guilty", could obtain a divorce after a year.

Over recent months France has had ample opportunity to ponder the nature of marriage after the revelation that the late President Mitterrand for years maintained a another, secret family, alongside his official one.

With Martin Guerre now on the British stage returning for yet another encore, Arnaud and Bertrande would surely be amazed to see how far their remarkable love affair, and its implications, have outlived them.

A grumpy psychiatrist in the chair

Anthony Clare explains why age has mellowed him. Interview by Mary Riddell

nthony Clare wants to live until he is 80, and then stage a fast exit. Should such a neat demise not be on offer, he would consider other options. 'I don't want to die too painfully. I'm terrible about

"I don't go for all this romanticism about death, and I have a sneaking sympathy for euthanasia. In my case, the decision to swallow a bottle of pills would be on pragmatic rather than moral grounds. Would I have the nerve? Would I get it right?"

Lest gloom descend, we should record that Clare, the nation's favourite psychiatrist. is a sprightly 53 and as fit in wind, limb and mind as anyone could be, given an overnight drive from Kerry, a day of board meetings in Dublin and a residual doubt as to whether there is enough pizza in the freezer for the

ramble round suffering and mortality, "I'd stick needles in you, but I don't want you sticking them in me," Clare is saying cheerfully. This, one fears, may say less about his pain threshold than his attitude to interrogation. As host of Radio 4's In The

Psychiatrist's Chair he is adept at winkling out the true personalities and neuroses of his celebrity guests. His voice is mellifluous, his manner consoling, his method of baring souls as effortless as skinning satsumas.

Away from the studio Clare appears at first meeting a rather tetchy man. The telephone rings in his office at St Patrick's Hospital, Dublin, where he is medical director. "Professor Clare," he barks, and one cannot help noting his allegiance to his title. Anyway, the call annears to unset him. "He's not taking his medication? Why? He was before." For his interviewees as for his psychiatric patients, the prescription is similar. Swallow your medicine. It will do you good. You will feel so much better afterwards.

Tomorrow Professor Clare begins a new BBC2 television series, The Seven Ages of Man, in which five celebrity guests ponder the problems of growing old.

The title harks back to Shakespeare's definition of decrepitude (sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything") in As You Like It. George Melly, subject of the first programme, does not like it at all. As he tells Clare, he mourns both the passing of youth and the fact that sex at 70 would be "very undignified

corge hates get-ting old," says Clare. "He described the stages he went through - heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual and it's all faded now. There was some pathos." Molly Parkin, au contraire, em braces her bus-pass status. Hardly surprising since, as she tells Clare, the nadir of her youth was lying in an alcoholic stupor in a Smithfield gutter, being stepped over by the meat porters whom she had previously been pleasuring in the ladies' lavatory.

What is there in Clare to inspire such bizarre confidences? His training, certain-There is, he says, only a frail dividing line between many of his star guests and the string of damaged depressives who sit in his Dublin office

His own life comes across as pretty normal. His father, a Dublin lawyer, sounds a secure man; his mother, Mary Agnes, was a difficult and suspicious woman whose impenetrable neuroses helped to drive the young Anthony into psychiatry. Happily married, he has seven children aged between 12 and 30 - a result, he once claimed, of his lack of competence at contraception. Now he says his wife, Jane, was just very good at having

children. A comfortable existence, then, untainted by failure or tragedy. "No, there hasn't been much of that. I'm a voyeur. I live off other people's tragedies." But his best friend died of a heart attack at 50 and, three years ago, his young housekeeper flung herself to her death from a bridge a few days after being imprisoned by knife-wielding intruders at the Clare home. "That was a tragedy for her family. When I think of myself being scarred by tragedy - no. I've

been very lucky." And still there is about him a faintly gloomy air - something he ascribes to his mother's influence. The bit of her that I inherited and have to keep in check is that I'm nothing like as optimistic as I might sound. I'm very suspicious and a trifle paranoid. People 1 interview often say: You'll be disappointed in me. I'm a happy person.' But I'm not only looking for psycho-

What my older, wiser

brother said about

"IMPOTENCE"

rearing, her changing status clearly affects him. "The children are growing up. She has more freedom, she's living it, and it's difficult for me. think: Bugger, I've got to go

and she's not there." People think men miss having someone to put out the shirts and do the meal, but it's an emotional thing; that she's there when I need her.

home and do this and that,

"At the moment she's in Kerry, and she wanted me to go down for the weekend. God knows why. After a week here and the drive down, I'm pretty grumpy when I arrive." And perhaps that, in the

end, partly explains why people tell their darkest secrets to Professor Clare. Neither saintly nor censorious, he is, at times, just like them. Cross. selfish, ambitious. All of those traits he will admit to, although he says the last one has gone with age. To hell with building a CV. Ten years ago it

was different." But he does retain the same old longing to understand what makes people tick. "It's not that phoney American thing of rapport. It's finding out the psychological factors. If Adolf Hitler sat in your chair, or Frederick West, you'd have to understand them. Almost all his subjects submit with the recent exception of Denis Healey, who offered a lot of Coleridge quotatons and clever remarks and little in-

He was one of the few really contented people I've met. I'm not so certain about the people round him. I'm sure Lady Healey would say he's a

ster sometimes." And how contented is Clare, whose series on ageing has forced him to confront his own mortality? He dislikes growing older, he says, but there are compensations. More freedoms. Fewer pressures. Thus, he counts himself a happy man. Though not, of course, completely.



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pathology. I'm also looking for something to compensate for ny mother's suspicion." His wariness extends to

interviewers. One particular piece about him had rankled, he said. It was actually anodyne, but Clare is a thinskinned man unaccustomed to censure or to failure at any-thing, apart from politics. "I ran for a (Trinity) University

'Like my mother, I'm very suspicious and a trifle paranoid'

seat on the Senate. I would have been useless. I was so relieved that I didn't win. Politicians are workaholics or poor depressed melancholic

While Clare would never so describe himself, he is the most intense of men. Not a drinker or a golfer or a "doer". he has one prime release valve. "I offload a lot on my wife, and I'm not sure that's and irritable. I don't think I've handled tension as well as it might. It does get me down."

Much as he would deny any

hint of a midlife crisis, and much as he worries that Jane sacrificed her talent to child-

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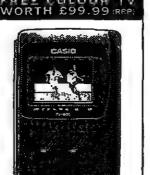
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MUSIC

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Anthony Murphy on George Butterworth, the musical genius who died in the trenches 80 years ago today

Why age shall not wither an Oxford rebel

ighty years ago to-day, the composer outside the village of Pozières on the Western Front. He was 31. A lieutenant in the Durham Light Infantry and acting commander of his company, he had been put forward for the Military Cross after an act of gallantry. He was to be further recommended after his death, for heroism in constructing a vital trench in the front line. He had just escorted the divisional commander around the defences at dawn when he was shot dead by a sniper's bullet. It is a mark of his modesty that few of his

most promising composers. Butterworth's friends were not surprised by the manner of his death. He had displayed leadership qualities early on, as Head of School at Aysgarth and as an outspoken and often maverick scholarship boy at Eton. A hero on the games field and a fearless debater at both Eton and Oxford, he proved a progressive and forceful president of the university's musical club.

fellow officers and men knew

anything about his growing reputation as one of Britain's

Arriving at Trinity College in 1904, he had already enjoyed resounding success at Eton with his piece Barca-rolle, and with a new composition, the Quartette for Strings, under his arm, he soon attracted attention among undergraduates. Within a year he was setting verses from Housman's A Shropshire Lad to music, although it is unclear whether any of this early material is included in his final song cycle: Butterworth was an works were long in gestation. Although he came from a middle-class London background, Butterworth was

imbibed some of the gritty humour of the North. He was impatient of stuffiness and at Oxford soon gained the reputation of one prepared to take on the Establishment. Hugh Allen, then a leading music don, remarked of him and his friend R.O. Morris, also from York: "There goes more red revolution than in the whole of Russia.

Music had long possessed Butterworth, and the routine

6 His teachers at the RCM did not know what to make of him ?

minutiae of academic work would always take second place. Furthering the aims of the English Folk-Song Society preserving traditional music became almost an obsession and, to his father's dismay, he abandoned all thoughts of reading for the

After Oxford, he had brief spells as a music critic on The Times and a teacher at Radley before joining Morris for a desultory year at the Royal College of Music, where he had an uneasy time with his teachers, who did not know what to make of him. Then followed three years of sustained creativity and the outremembered.

The song cycle A Shropshire Lad ranks alongside the lieder of Schubert in its beauty and power. If the melodies owe their inspiration to English folk song, they are origithe poetic line and matching perfectly the mood of Housman's melancholy and prophetic verse. The piano accompaniment is a triumph

of sensitive understatement. The final song, Is my team loughing?, with its dialogue between a dead man and his friend can hardly have been sung with more spine-tingling pathos than by Bryn Terfel in his recent recording. The first of the songs, Loveliest of Trees, with its beautiful falling phrase, became the main motif of the Rhapsody for Orchestra: A Shropshire Lad, which runs through the whole gamut of emotions in reflecting Housman's verse. Butter-worth had already composed two lovely orchestral idylls based on English folk tunes. A third Idyil, perhaps Butter-worth's most famous piece, The Banks of Green Willow, inspired by two folk sangs which had haunted him since his Oxford days, was first performed in March 1914. conducted by a youthful Adri-

Two further song cycles followed. The first, set to further poems from Housman's A Shropshire Lad, include On the Idle Hill of Summer, where Butter-worth's piano accompaniment reaches unusually operatic proportions to dra-matic effect. The second, Love Blows as the Wind Blows. is virtually unknown yet no less impressive. Consisting of four poems by W.E. Henley for baritone and string quartet, it has now thankfully been recorded in its original form by Martin Oxenham and the Bingham String Quartet. This music, perhaps more than any other, indicates the direction Butterworth might have taken had he lived. The

final song, On the way to Kew. is a triumph. There are several more



Butterworth (top hat, centre) at Eton. The scholarship boy became noted for his compositions while at the school

a poignant memorial to his mother, who died in 1911), a collection of Folk Songs from Sussex with piano accompaniment, and some choral works, mainly arrangements from

Despite his success and growing reputation, Butterworth was intensely self-criti-cal and often dissatisfied with

exquisite songs (Requiescat is his world. The war seemed to frustration. He joined up friends, including Morris, although their initial decision to serve in the ranks was later revised and they accepted commissions in the same

> Before he left for the Front, Butterworth went through all

his music manuscripts, deprovide an outlet for his stroying those which did not meet his exacting standards. The rest he left in the care of Vaughan Williams, his

Vaughan Williams felt Butterworth's loss most keenly of all those men lost in the war. It had been Butterworth who suggested that he write a symphony, and he dedicated

the revision of A London Symphony to Butterworth's

tor at Eton, Robert Brooker, heard of his death on the Somme, he immediately wrote to the composer's father: "The boy lived his life as a medieval knight: sans peur et sans reproche." It was a fitting epitaph.

Where there's a whim

HEATRE

THE MOVIE of Red Balloon is buried so deep in the big round floppy disk I carry in my head that I cannot even be sure I saw it. But it is safe to say that Albert Lamorisse's screen original was less dependent on words and music than Anthony Clark's stage reworking and, I fear, rather better at communicating a whimsical magic than Clark's production. Much as we theatre fanatics may hate to admit it, the camera is capable of greater trickery and subtler effects when it comes to suggesting that a balloon has a mind of its own.

Nicky Adams's mop-headed Pascal lives in a curiously contradictory Paris. it appears to be perfectly safe to ask a passing stranger if he will walk you home beneath his umbrella but highly risky to go to school. The playground is packed with bullies in droopy shorts or 1950s dresses. Home is not a lot more fun for Pascal either, for his parents are a quarrelsome, meanminded pair. Bring home a stray kitten, and what does Papa do? Why, sing "the cat's pooled on the carpet" and climax this piece of recitative by ordering Mama to throw the creature out.

So poor Pascal, an only child, has to look elsewhere for a cure for his chronic loneliness. Hence his growing friendship with a large red balloon that follows him

The Red Balloon Olivier

around, wreaking salutory havoc. It biffs heads and bottoms. It places itself in provocative positions, then jumps away at the last mo-ment, so that the school caretaker ends up punching his headmaster, a Kalkaesque figure in black, or knocking a blonde wig off the head of Pascal's form mistress. The children around me

eemed amused enough by all this, and not particularly worried by the omnipresence of the balloon's puppeteer, a gentleman in black shirt and red braces wielding wires and wooden poles. Indeed, a little girl became inconsolable when the playground hood-lums struck Pascal's balloon with a catapult, and it slowly puffed out the last of its helium, finishing in a raggedy red blob on the ground. She at

least had the imagination to meet the challenge. Since the show was aimed at her rather than at me, it may not matter much that my imagination did less well. Though Adams's Pascal has a puckish charm. I never quite felt he had the same delighted rapport with his balloon as with his cat. I found myself more intrigued by what might be called the cultural anthropology of balloons as discovered by Lamorisse and now

reported by Clark. After all, what happens after the death of the red balloon? It is followed by a mourning ritual, in which relatives of every size and hue. mauve to orange, come to hover over the tiny corpse. Since they are conducted there by humans in multicoloured top hats and tails, the effect is more celebratory than sad. So much so that, on opening night, a large red balloon suddenly joined them, suggesting that reincarnation also has a place in dirigible religious beliefs.

What to conclude? Mark Vibrans's songs have a nice lift: Clark has the skill to transform a few actors in mufti into a bustling street scene: but the show is too long. It may intermittently be seen, morning and afternoon matinees only, until the end of

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the new Handel and Berg productions, it was no less significant: the dramatic and musical force of the performance said much about the power of this neglected work. Rossini called his opera "my

little Guillaume Tell in Italian", a big claim. It failed at its 1819 Naples premiere and was not heard again until 1977, and it is only in the last decade that its strengths have been widely appreciated. Rossini may have A Little Night Music written to formulae but he never sold out to convention: indeed, Ermione shows him pushing against it to conjure AN UNFORGETTABLE up the tug-of-love drama drawn from Euripides via Racine. There are few show-'Judi Dench is stopping numbers, but the



Powerful presence: Anna Caterina Antonacci's Ermione

musical portraits of the main characters are all penetrating. It is hard to imagine the dark, often striking score receiving stronger advocacy than from Andrew Davis here: he draws taut, theatrical playing from the London Philharmonic, which after a long spell in the pit now sounds like an opera orchestra in the best sense.

It is also hard to imagine a production better able to articulate *Ermione*'s opera seria gestures in a convincing, modern way. Graham Vick's staging, new last year and now revived by Malcolm Hunter, comes up fresh and focused. Richard Hudson's imaginative setting, an opera house-cum-classical palace at skewed angles to evoke skewed emotions, is again



strongly lit. But it is on the singers that any Rossini performance stands or falls, and this one stands. Anna Caterina Antonacci, who in various productions has made the title role her own, returns to lead the cast and sings in full-throated, vibrant voice. Her stage presence as the sexssed anti-heroine is powerful, and she declaims her native Italian with relish. As her rival Andromaca, Diana Montague captures her grief and tragic plight in stylish mezzo singing. The tenor Paul Nilon portrays the lecherous ruler Pirro as a nauseating Nero-like character, and ex-cept in the high outbursts sings him smoothly too. Paul Austin Kelly's Oreste has musical poise. The tenor Justin Lavender (a refined Pilade) and Larvian bass Egils Silins (a virile-sounding Fenicio) make notable Glyndebourne debuts.

JOHN ALLISON

Innocence and experience

HARD-CORE Handelians will have to wait until tonight to hear a full-length opera, Semele, but the appetite was whetted on Friday with the excerpts from Julius Caesar given by Rene Jacobs with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. Little idea of the work's dramatic sweep let alone its emotional and psychological depths -- can be given in five short sections. But one could at least hear two of Handel's most memorable numbers: Cleopatra's moving lament Se pietà di me non senti, with its doleful bassoon colouring, and Caesar's hunting aria Va tacito e nascosto.

Maria Bayo won most hearts with her affecting delivery of the former, but I found the liberties she took with her line — sliding and swooping for expressive effect — inap-propriate. Andreas Scholl showed greater stylistic awareness as Caesar. His countertenor is a happy compromise between Anglican hoot and American sensuality, combining purity of tone with controlled passion.

These two were joined by three other stylish soloists -Susan Gritton, Jamie Mac-Dougall and Peter Kooy - in Bach's Magnificat. Scholl's poignant Esurientes and the following Suscepit Israel for the two sopranos and countertenor were among the vocal highlights. The OAE's contribution was first-rate, special mention being deserved for Anthony Robson's plangent oboe d'arnore and the exhilarating trumpets throughout. Rhythms were buoyant and

phrasing supple in Bach's Suite No 3 in D major. The idea of varying the repeats of the celebrated Air by giving them to solo strings was interesting but, in the cavernous space of the Albert Hall, of No doubt viewers of the

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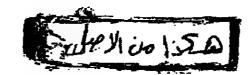
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forthcoming BBC I relay will fare better. The following night's Prom was also recorded for television, though the massed ranks of the European Union Youth Orchestra (some 90 string players alone) were never in danger of being inaudible. With 4,000 candidates annually to choose from, this orchestra represents the cream of youthful European talent. They work together for two periods each year and then embark on a concert tour, culminating, this time, with their froms appearance. Such is the level of talent and concentration of activity that strangers from 15 countries of the EU can after a short time give the impression of a lifetime's acquaintance. Under the baton of Colin

Davis, the tricky opening bars of Strauss's Don Juan were tossed off with supreme ease. The only blot on an equally fresh performance of Elgar's Enigma Variations was the dreadful quality of the electronic organ piped through the speakers in the finale. But this was not enough to erase the memory of some of the most tenderly drawn charac-ter portraits ever heard in this work. In Sibelius's Second Symphony, Davis was dis-creetly proactive, pushing on just enough to let the music generate its own momentum. An authoritative interpretation, executed with superb technical assurance by these

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young players.





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TUESDAY TO **FRIDAY** IN SECTION 2

POP: Oasis hit the big time with an open-air event in Scotland; plus, London gigs

Fireworks by the lake

Loch Lomond

ALMOST exactly a year ago. many observers prematurely dismissed Oasis when they lost to Blur in a race for chart glory. Five million album sales later, however. Oasis are the biggest band in Britain. To consolidate their swag-

gering supremacy, the band are hosting several gigantic open-air festivals this year despite releasing only one single. One of these two-day events took place over the weekend in a picturesque country park backing on to Loch Lomond, where a flotilla of small boats hugged the nearby shoreline while hordes of ticketless fans swarmed beyond the perimeter fence.

Despite the accidental death of a site crew worker. James Hunter, the day before, the atmosphere at Balloch Country Park was warm and celebratory. Part football match and part family day out, this diverse gathering proved just how deep a cultural impact the band have made.

Oasis are the first band for years to cater for the vast silent majority of rock fans who feel unmoved by fashion and alienated by dance music. Pillaging everything from mid-period Beatles to 1970s glam and punk. Oasis deliver a robustly conservative product without troublesome experimental trimmings.

And yet they are also a highly extraordinary phenomenon. Just 18 months ago, Oasis were playing venues smaller than their backstage guest area at Balloch. Their shows were electrifying one night, shambolic the next. But

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aged to draw a full house and generate

This Dublin-based five-piece origi-

nally attracted attention on the back of

singer-guitarist Glen Hansard's role in

Alan Parker's film adaptation of The

Commitments, and their debut album,

1992's Another Love Song, was rather lost in the film's wake. Of course, in

pop terms, four years is a lifetime, and

the band have since rejigged their line-

up, added DC to their name and

relaunched themselves with a new

The small stage seemed to give them

a real atmosphere.



Liam Gallagher commands the stage at Balloch Country Park on Saturday night, to the delight of the 40,000 fans

with a new regime of cleanliving professionalism apparently prevailing in the band. they have clearly mastered the art of pacing and building a set, with virtually every song at Loch Lomond becoming a triumphant sing-along terrace chant. Oasis may not possess the great showmanship skills of Pulp's Jarvis Cocker, but they certainly strike a chord with the common people.

Impressively for a band at this level, they remain excit-

a harder, tighter sound, with Hansard

clearly revelling in playing in such close contact to fellow guitarist David

Odlum, bassist Graham Downey and

drummer Paul Brennan. Songs such

as the recent single. Monument, and

blasts of full-on grunge, but the

This was evident in the way that Colm MacConlomaire's fiddle man-

aged to give even the heaviest songs a

heavenly sweep and in the soulful way

that Hansard sang Giving It All Away

and Red Chord. At one point, they ran

through the opening lines of the Smashing Pumpkins hit Today, which

summed up where the Frames DC are

coming from: a noisy rock band with a

from their new album and, when

Hansard spat out the lines "My ship

was sold right up the river, but I'm not

going down", they took on a particular

resonance. Cynics might say that the

music business only gives bands one

chance, but Pulp and Ocean Colour Scene have proved that this is not

always the case. The Frames DC are

They encored with the title track

deep, acoustic heart.

Frames DC also have a subtler side.

ingly edgy. Although singer Liam Gallagher spent the entire show cocooned inside a designer duffel coat seemingly borrowed from David Bowie's androgynous alien in The Man Who Fell To Earth, he still kept 40,000 people riveted for two hours on Saturday night. Though his creative role is minimal. Liam actually lends Oasis almost all their elamour and danger, commanding the stage with a

Mainly, though, Oasis is Noel Gallagher. Guitarist, songwriter and band leader. Noel's methodical orchestration of proceedings at Balloch became gradually apparent. culminating in him crooning creditable lead vocals on fluid soft-rocker Acquiesce and a barnstorming extended ver-sion of the band's recent No I hit. Don't Look Back in Anger. To close the show, the wistful anthem Champagne

lighters swaying in the brisk Scottish night, then the customary reverential demolition of I Am The Walrus reminded everyone of the heights Oasis have set themselves. As a true champagne supernova of fireworks exploded over Loch Lomond, Gallagher's gang were already preparing their next triumphant move: record-breaking twin shows at Knebworth next weekend.

STEPHEN DALTON

Kula and cooler

 Kula Shaker Astoria, WI

"THIS is a big night for us," said Kula Shaker front-man Crispian Mills, "and for you - you're the ones who sent us here." Such an appreciative attitude was endearing. This young band has enjoyed a meteoric few months, thanks to a swiftly burgeoning fan base and one of the season's canniest cuttingedge singles, Tattva.

Introducing the minor hit that preceded it. Grateful When You're Dead, Mills described the tune as "the one that started it all for us" as though he were reminiscing about a far-off time before Kula Shaker became hot property. In fact, that single came out in May, and a year earlier the group barely existed in its current form.

Thus we were reminded how swiftly a young band can come to power, and already the fresh-faced Scottish sup-

port act, Octopus, were snapping at their heels with a set of considerable

But are Kula Shaker equipped for the long haul? Their forthcoming debut album for Columbia, K, suggests and these were reflected in a hardworking live performance. As long, that is, as the (few) over-30s in the audience overlooked the familiarity of many of the phrases in Kula Shaker's rock lexicon. Organ wizard Jay Darlington comes over as a Spencer Davis Group-era Steve Winwood - though there is little wrong with that — while Mills moves with the mop-top enthusiasm of a Monkee.

Thus while the style police decree that anyone playing under the influence of such prehistoric "progressives" as Traffic or early Fleetwood Mac should be sent to the critical coal-hole, Kula Shaker are delighting their voung fans with just such intonations. Their flavouring of Indian influences is a welcome extra, even if the Beatles got there 30 years earlier and the medita tive spirit of songs such as Govinda seemed not quite at home in the Charing Cross Road.

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I do not like this name. But my two younger com-panions, Dave the postman and Julian the Liberal Democrat, noted my fury and chanted "Babu" until all the porters took it up. Our guide, Joffrey, explained diplomatically that the Chagga use "grandad" not to denote age but to indicate affectionate respect - like "old chap". This does not impress me, but the name

Well, Babu I may be, but I reached the top of the mountain. All of us did, even the Liberal Democrat. The postman, after a short fit of intense depression twothirds of the way up, reached the crater floor striding ahead of us as though with an urgent spe-cial delivery. The Babu came third, plodding resolutely and breath-

ing hard as the oxygen thinned. i am one of life's secret plodders. You always get there, if you plod. It is the only way to tackle a 19.000ft mountain. Kilimanjaro is not a difficult climb - thousands achieve it.

by the easier route, every year - but it is relentless and can be dispiriting if nausea and migraine attack you in the higher reaches. The key is to trudge forward, eyes on the ground before your feet.

African

plains

The Machame route starts at some 5,000ft in the village of the same name. Leaving the flowering bushes, tin-roofed huts and banana trees behind, you soon enter deep rainforest in which the whole volcanic massif, some 40 miles in and monkeys call, your pass becomes a knee-deep trough of slimy, red mud, and the rain drips ceaselessly down.

Just below 9,000ft, the trees give way to giant, tree-high heather. Our first night was spent here. Joffrey and the porters set up tents and by some miracle - which was to recur whenever we stopped produced a fire from the wet wood at our feet, sweet tea and far too much food from the boxes carried on their heads. We slept deeply.

On our second day, we climbed to 12,500ft, emerging into tundra as the heather shrank, the groundsel grew to loft, and the sun came out. Below us was a sea of cloud. The third day was spent acclimatising and exploring the great Shira Plateau, uninhabited except by civet cats and buffalo. On our fourth day we ascended to 16,000ft, at Arrow

Glacier. The tundra had given way to moonscape - a steep clinker-strewn desert of

dust and outcropping lava.

Just above us towered snowfields and glaciers, rock walls, scree and lava towers, reaching up 3,000ft to the crater's edge. It was steeper than 45 degrees. Our route lay straight up there. Perched on the edge, we looked out over hundreds of miles of the East African plains, too far below for us to discern anything but lakes and mountains. A glorious sunset a miraculous meat-and-potato goulash, and five hours of freezing rest, huddled together in one tent, followed. Our resting heart-rates varied between 90 and 105. Here the porters left us. They continued round the

mountain and met us on the other side on our way down.
After dark, the gush of water from melting glaciers ceases, as the air freezes and silence falls. At midnight, Joffrey and his assistant guide, Howard, woke us with tea and we dressed for

the final ascent. I wore oversize Doc Martens and home-made Tanzanian crampons, six pairs of socks, three pairs of trou-

sers, two vests. two shirts, two From the jerseys and an crater's others were more edge, we conventionally could see

went hundreds of straight up. It took seven hours. miles of the The scree was so unstable that for every 3ft up we slid 2ft down, but the ice was risky. If we'd slipped we might have tobogganed to perdi-

> icefield steeper than a rooftop, gasping in the thin, freezing air, with a half moon burnishing the mountains and lights twinkling from towns two miles below, where the inhabitants were all asleep, I had some sombre thoughts about the fragility of life — especially my own. The moon set. The sky was lit by so many stars dark with points of light, but a silver and gold blanket strewn across with a thin black veil.

tion on the rocks below.

Clinging to the edge of an

We made it. We made it to the rocks, and then to the top. We crawled over the edge of the Great West Breach, where a volcanic explosion blasted a gap out of the crater rim - and we lay panting. Dave was sick. Infinitely, laboriously, we then gasped at tortoise pace up the last 350ft of crater wall to Uhuru Peak. The sun had risen now. It was merciless. The sky was pur-ple, the ice blinding, the

view unreal.

Descending, we encountered Japanese and German fashion victims by the dozen, in matching purples and wrap-round shades, retching their way up the easier but gruelling Marangu (or "Coca-Cola") route. Everyone goes for the top. It's a pity because the lower slopes are more beautiful. You could have a marvellous time contouring at 15,000ft, aiming no higher... On the other hand ...

John Major called for decisiveness over Europe when he was a backbencher. Now he should give a lead

through some old papers and came across the issue of The Times for November 13, 1979. It takes one back close to the beginning of the period of Conservative government, 17 years ago. It is an important date in the history of *The Times*, for this was the first issue after the stoppage which had lasted since November 30 of the previous year. As I sat read-ing the paper, I was amazed by the number of stories which are still running. The lead story concerns the bad relations between the United States and Iran. The headline now seems old-fashioned: "Mr Carter cuts off Iranian oil imports". I do not think The Times continued for long to call American Presidents "Mr" in head-

Yet the US-Iran dispute is still bubbling up under Mr Clinton. It is, however, the British news

lines; it reminds me of those pre-1939

news bulletins which referred to

which seems to be set in concrete; one wonders why we bother to produce different newspapers each day, when half the stories could be covered in standing type which would last for decades at a time. The English batsmen had collapsed; John Woodcock opened his report from Brisbane with the words: "As they usually do. England made hard work of batting here today."
They made 176 all out, with

Geoffrey Boycott scoring 11 before being caught at first slip.

Many of the other home stories are equally familiar. The Chancellor makes a speech saying there will be little room for tax cuts in the Budget". Lloyds names are disputing large claims for losses. There will be further delay to the building of the new British Library. Sadly, four men have been sentenced for the murder of Carl Bridgewater. In the letters, Lord Drogheda and Sir Claus Moser

Seventeen years of indecision is enough

write of the need for improvements to the facilities of the Royal Opera House, "which are not only disgraceful but hopelessly inadequate" and asks for support for the Development Appeal. The King Edward Hospital Fund calls for the relitting of the old London hospitals.

Stands the Church clock at ten to three? And is there honey still for tea?

It is rare for an ex-Editor to be able to claim a scoop 17 years after the event, yet I can reasonably claim that my choice of the lead letter to the Editor, for the first day of The Times's return, has turned out to be one The trouble is that no one has noticed it, or at least I had not, between that day and this. At first sight the letter does not look like a scoop at all. It is a mild Euro-sceptic argument of a kind which, like the English batting collapses, has been recurring ever

Only with new and permanent fin-social arrangements, involving in par-ticular the fundamental reform of the common agricultural policy, which will reduce the central budget as well as spread the visible net cost-benefit of membership far more equally than at present, can the EEC remain united and Bourish . . . unless we can jointly work out the radical changes needed and put them speedily into effect the case for Britain staying inside becomes increasingly difficult to sustain.

This sounds very like David Heathcoat-Amory's resignation letter, though I do not think he used the word "speedily", which 17 years later has a certain charm of its own. The signatories of the letter included a table designed to show how little Britain could afford to make whatwas then the massive net contribution to the EEC budget of ESS per family of four. According to their figures, the gross domestic product per head of the member nations of the EEC showed that Denmark was top with 100. Germany had 92. Belgium 87. The Netherlands 84. France

William Rees-Mogg

83, the UK 53, Italy 46 and Ireland 37, At least in GDP per head, the United Kingdom has improved its position in the past 17 years.

It is the signatories, or rather one them, who constitute the scoop. They were four young Conservative backbenchers, who had only entered Parliament at the 1979 election. They were Peter Lloyd, who later became an excellent junior minister at the Home Office and was unlucky not to reach the Cabinet heights of his Cambridge contemporaries: John Tony Marlow, who is still a Eurosceptic and indeed is still very much Tony Marlow; and John Major, whose career we have all followed with interest. Unless we can jointly work out the

radical changes needed, and put them speedily into effect, the case for Britain staying inside becomes in-creasingly difficult to sustain." The young John Major was to that degree a Euro-sceptic. Of course the young Tony Blair was at least equally sceptical in the 1983 general election. when as a Labour candidate he was committed to Michael Foot's manifesto. Now John Major faces the same question in a somewhat different form. Will he include a commitment not to join the European single currency, at least for the next Parliament, in his general election manifesto? Can he fight the next election on the present proposition that the Government does not know whether it will enter the single currency or not, though if it decides to do so it will have a referendum on the policy? If he sticks to that wheezy compromise, has he any chance of winning the election?

Whoever wins the election will have to make the single currency choice in the early months of government, by the summer of 1997, if Britain is to enter in 1999. This is not therefore some remote hypothetical years, but an immediate choice which has to be made. It is bound to become a central issue in the election campaign. A large majority of the newly adopted Conservative candidates would prefer a commitment in the manifesto not to join the single currency in the lifetime of the next Parliament. There is also a majority against initial arrange Conservation. majority against joining among Con-servative workers and among voters. The Labour Party is half committed to joining if it can, but is itself seized with an intolerable indecision. The Liberal Democrats are in favour of joining, though subject to a referendum. Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party, which could take vital votes from the Conservatives in many constituencies, would be dis-armed if John Major committed himself not to enter the single

The strange thing is that John Major does not himself believe that Britain ought to enter a single currency, and if he is elected Britain will almost certainly refuse to do so. He seems to believe that Britain benefits by maintaining an open negotiating position, though the big issues have all been settled and our European partners can see through the compromise. He wants to keep Kenneth Clarke, who is in favour o the single currency, in his Cabinet. It is likely that indecision on the single currency would make it impossible for the Conservatives to win the next general election. Is Kenneth Clarke worth the price?

No one should blame a Prime Minister for changing the views he held as a young backbencher; we should all learn from experience. But political experience shows that indecision is usually fatal. It would be disastrous for the Conservatives to enter the general election unable to answer the simple question, "A single

101 dangers for Tony Blair

Peter Riddell

says Labour

needs to shake

off the mentality

of opposition

overning is very different from campaigning. The choices and compromises of office require different skills and instincts from sticking to a line and making instant rebuttals. Virtually all of Labour's experience, however, is with the latter: as one battered frontbencher remarked, "we have learnt to be rather good at opposition".

Shadow team of 101 have ever served as ministers or whips and, including them, a mere 14 were even MPs when Labour was last in severnment. A failure to understand the adjustment needed for office could fataily weaken any Blair government, as it under-mined the Clinton Administration in its first two years.

The secret lies partly in not raising expectations which cannot be fulfilled, and partly in binding in the party to the programme before the general election ("genting your be-trayal in first" as it is dubbed by the leadership). Tony Blair is trying to do both of these with his minimanifesto, which will go to a ballot of Labour Party members in the autumn. But sensible though this is. it is not enough. Aspiring ministers need to understand how to exercise

The Labour leadership is trying to educate its shadow spokesmen in the realities of office, notably with a series of seminars at Templeton College, Oxford. Veterans of the Wilson and Callaghan administrations - the Long Retreat rather than the Long March, perhaps - are being wheeled out along with some retired senior civil servants, quite a number of whom are sympathetic to "new" Labour. To judge by the accounts of participants, it is rather like that passage





RIDDELL ON MONDAY Sarratt: "the fit, expectant, faces of his been revised and updated by Mr Kaufman, giving the names of previ-

young audience as they waited on the master's word". I am not so sure ously anonymous people, and will be about the "fit", but there is a sense of republished next February, in handy rell us what it is really like to sit time for the election. He offers behind a ministerial desk" about the sensible tips about, for example, how Templeton exercise.

One of the star turns of these not to get cut off from Parliament and the party (avoiding the twin diseases of ministerial-itis and departmentaloccasions is Gerald Kaulman, a itis), how to get on with your private minister of state when Labour lost office in 1979, who might have secretary and your driver (the two key people in ministerial life), how to enjoyed a long period in the Cabinet handle meetings, lobbying groups

and the press. Any aspiring minister should also read the memoirs of Roy Jenkins, A Life at the Centre, and of Denis Healey, The Time of My Life, not least for their reminders of life outside politics. And for a cold shower of economic reality, I recom-

mend Nigel Lawson's The View from Number II and Joel Barnett's Inside the Treasury, for accounts of the conflicts inevitable in any govern-

ment over public spending.

But the closest parallels for the Blair team are from the experience of Bill Clinton's Administration. Mr Blair and his advisers have already learnt much from the campaigning techniques of the Clinton team, as well as from his early errors in office. such as being diverted into secondary issues. Yet the most pertinent lessons are about how the Clinton campaigners did, or often did not, adapt to

The dangers are vividly brought out in Jeffrey Birnbaum's book. Madhouse: The Private Turmoil of Working for the President. This is one of the most revealing political books I have read all year, in its description of the frustrations and

disillusionment of six officials in the Clinton White House. They range from Howard Paster, the chief White House lobbyist, who lasted less than year, the former press secretary Dee Dee Myers, the media adviser Jeff Eller and the political consultant Paul Begala to policy specialists Gene Sperling and Bruce Reed.

in each case, proximity to the heights of power — its symbols as well as its substance — proved intoxicating. Some of the six were not suited to the high altitude, and stumbled and fell. In other cases, the disillusionment was more subtle - an inability to cope with the complexities of the Washington bureaucracy and Congress, even before Newt Gingrich's Republicans took over the House. None of the six had any training or proper preparation for these posts. They were chosen to work in the White House only because of their efforts in political in Clinton's of 1992, rather than because of any experience in past administrations.

As Birnbaum writes:

Electioneering mostly involves the manipulation of images or perceptions: it is largely a public relation effort, shallow and short-term. Governing also entaits political posturing, but it is, fundamentally, the process of making real changes in programmes that affect the daily lives of individual citizens. A White House is not just about rhetoric, but it also about taking action and followine through.

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He quotes Bruce Reed saying that "moving from the fast-paced world of a campaign to the laborious realm of governing was like running into water: the deceleration was disorient-

ing and massive". Of course, unlike their American counterparts. Blair's team has the advantage of long experience of Parliament. And in Britain the senior ranks of the Civil Service provide a framework of continuity - although that is not a lasting protection for a poor minister. But the similarities of attitude, and of a campaign mentality, are striking. Too many of Blair's 101 still look more comfortable with the words and gestures of opposition than with the constraints and demands of office.

Busman's hols

AS LABOUR heavyweights such as John Prescott, the deputy leader, head off to Marbella this week with their buckets and spades to start the party's campaign to win the support of sunburnt holidaymakers and expats in Spain, they will find that the Tories have got there first.

The name "Portillo", new Labour's Castilian nemesis, is emblazoned everywhere. It is the name of the largest bus company in the area, and hundreds of lumbering vehicles bear the name of the Tory Defence Minister in large letters on their sides.
It is estimated that the Labour

Party is to spend £500,000 fighting the Conservatives on beaches from Blackpool to Benidorm - and senior Tories are gleeful at this helpful coincidence: There was some alarm when the campaign was announced," says one, "until we all realised that in Marbella we had got there first, and for free. The buses run all night. Labour will never get away from them."

Inquiries to discover whether Señor Portillo, the bus company owner, is a close relation of Michael, the modish man at the

MoD, have proved inconclusive. "He is probably just a namesake." says a confidant, "but the buses do the Torremolinos-Marbella run and are very well-known."

■ When I first wrote about it weeks ago, even I didn't realise that the Titan Arum plant at Kew Gardens would cause such a stink. It is now reaching the three corners of the globe. The story has particularly excited TV viewers in Japan, where



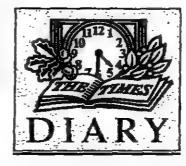
the Clive James spirit of undergoing unsavoury ordeals still flour-ishes, and close to 30 million tuned in to see the monster on one channel alone. Pity those who laboured on that first nostrilscorching night to erect scaffolding for the film crews. They returned home reeking like grave robbers.

'Paul-ing

AFTER the nation failed to save them, the 19th-century marble sculptures of angels and cherubs from St Paul's Cathedral have been loaned to an American university for ten years. But in a move from the sublime to the souverir, a range of replicas has been launched for the cathedral gift shop, to show tourists (many of them American)

just what they are missing. John Brandler, the dealer who purchased them from the cathe-dral, is responsible for the wheeze. "We've already got candles, mugs and brooches," he says proudly. I am even prepared to consider fridge magnets.

 No one is happier during the Proms season than Alexander Waugh, opera critic and son of Auberon. I was first taken to the Proms as a boy," he says, "and I spent the day in Soho with a chum,



in John le Carrè's The Secret Pilgrim,

when the retired George Smiley gives

an after-dinner talk to the trainees at

rather than merely in the Shadow

Cabinet, if the party had remained in

office. He remains witty and wasp

ish, as well as shrewd, and his book

How to be a Minister remains the

best contemporary guide to the tradecraft, if not the statecraft, of

Published in 1980, the book has

looking at all the sex shops. Even now, before the music starts, I still feel this thrill of auticipation."

Olympic club

THE ATLANTA Olympics closed yesterday, but one face which kept popping up throughout was that of Osman Streater, the former chairman of the Savile Club. The conviv-ial Streater, who is half Turkish despite his very British manner. has been at the Olympics to cam-paign for the 2004 Games to be held in Istanbul.

He is working in league with Sir Tim Bell. Baroness Thatcher's favoorite advertising man. Streater. with his half-moon spectacles and donnish air, has been chatting up the likes of Juan Antonio Samaranch, the head of the Olympic

sized Naim "Pocket Hercules" Suleymanoglu. Streater now has Hercules in his, er, pocket, and it would be no surprise soon to see the muscle-man in clubland. ◆ Peter Falk, a.k.a. Columbo, the

movement, and ex-King Constantine of Greece — whom he startled

Streater threw a party for Tur-

key's star weightlifter, the pint-

with a greeting in fluent Greek.

shabby, cigar-chomping detective, is finding that art really does imitate life. His daughter Catherine is



about to graduate from a detective school in California. and plans to open her own agency in the au-tumn. The fledgeling gumshoe is shamelessly intending to call her agency "Ms Columbo Inc."

Under canvas

AT THE START of Cowes Week, the Britannia Pub, one of only two in Cowes with a sea view, has been stripped of its major asset - a view of its namesake. This year, the council has erected a 200ft-long marquee along the Parade, blocking the punters' view of the Royal Yacht Britannia, which is moored

opposite the pub. The landlady, Sheila Hillman. who has threatened the council with an injunction, says: This massive white tent is obstructing our view. We've lost hundreds of pounds and the glare is giving our bar staff headaches."

Slow Burns

GEORGE BURNS'S cigars are coming up for sale at Sotheby's in Los Angeles. The comedian was a passionate puffer, smoking beeen ten and 15 a day for much of his life. He used a cigar as his signature prop on stage, but connois-



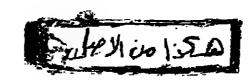
Burns, the cigar addict

seurs will not be hidding for the finest Havanas. "Burns smoked a brand of cheap

cigars called El Producto," says an expert from the cigar specialists Hunters & Frankau. He once said if he was ever offered a \$2 cigar he would be obliged to sleep with it

Burns himself was never ashamed of his tastes. "I smoke a domestic cigar because the more ex-pensive Havana cigars are tightly packed. They go out on stage while I am doing my act. The El Producto stays lit," he explained once be-







FOOLS' GOLD

Games are for players, not politicians and sportocrats

So farewell then Olympic Games, for another four years. Measured by league tables. Great Britain finished neck-and-neck with Burundi and Ecuador. But league tables are a foolish and unhistorical way to measure games. Politicians and bureaucrats should clear the track for a simpler vision of gold. Britain's medal score was a quarter of Germany's, a third of France's, half of Italy's. The general secretary of the British Olympic Association said that "shock treatment" was needed before the Games in Sydney. The British sporting establishment has been wearing a strip of sackcloth since results began to go wrong for Britain's fastest and best. The failures have generated a self-serving official whinge that more

money must be spent to get better results. The gloom about underperformance is misplaced. The British medal count equals that in Helsinki in 1952, in Mexico City in 1968 and in Montreal in 1976. A medal graph running from 1952 to 1996 reveals no pattern, but a zigzag. A 16-year graph of the last four Olympics would indeed show a downward trend so steep as to be almost vertical: 37 medals in Los Angeles, 34 in Seoul, 20 in Barcelona and even fewer at Atlanta. But the Soviet Union boycotted Los Angeles, leaving us with a Barcelona total at the upper end of the postwar range and an exceptional year in South Korea. Atlanta is a disappointment, not a disaster.

Look further back, and watch the effects of the Games' development on medal tallies. In 1924. fewer than two dozen countries competed. The Soviet Union by then existed but did not take part: China did not exist in its present form, and sent no athletes. Britain's share of medals was bound to be greater than in this brave new world. Atlanta's Games welcomed competitors from 197 states. While armchair commentators of the industrialised world predict the demise of the nation state, new nation states keep popping up to belie their predictions. They

seek prestige from sporting prowess. At Atlanta Britain won one fewer gold but a few more medals than Kazakhstan. When that Central Asian country was part of the

Soviet Union, its athletes joined the united Soviet team, limited to three competitors in each event. Now Kazakhstan and every other new state born from the disintegration of the Soviet empire can enter its own quota of boxers, weightlifters, archers, runners, and beach volleyball players. With several sizeable populations, rejuvenated national pride and training cultures inherited from the communist era, these countries are likely to produce competitive athletes. And they do.

Any minister confronted with a plea for more public money in sport should ask hard-headed questions about the causes of the Atlanta disappointments. Nobody watching the British women's hockey team could believe that the one-goal margin in a penalty shoot-out which deprived them of the bronze medal could be put down to a shortage of money. The injuries that felled Liz McColgan and Sally Gunnell were not caused by cash shortages. Whatever made Linford Christie, one of Britain's richest athletes, false start twice, it cannot have been fear of having to sign on the dole after Atlanta. One enterprising commentator has adjusted the tables to take account of per capital GDP in every country. The top live states which did the most with the least were all communist or ex-communist states with low standards of living: China, Russia, Ethiopia, Cuba and Ukraine.

"Its not just a question of throwing money at it," the technical director of the BOA said in Atlanta, while Tony Blair described the Olympic campaign as "one big muddle". Both comments direct attention in a more useful direction, although neither is a prescription for the next four years. Does the system identify potential winners soon enough? Is business sponsorship sought with enough panache? Are any of France's ideas cost-efficient enough to be worth imitating? Olympic competitors make sacrifices for their art, some of them financial. But money is not the root of every problem nor the explanation for every success. The key to a better British medal performance in Sydney will be as much to do with management as with Mammon.

CIVES ROMANI SUMUS

Imperial pasts still form the British way of life

The Romans are never far away. Our series on Roman Britain that starts today explores their physical remains, from the unconquerable Highlands beyond the Antonine Wall to Chester. Colchester and Chichester. Their names as well as their stones recall Rome in England. In this dry summer when the grass is cut, the street plan of Verulamium has grown vividly back to sight after 15 centuries. And the excavations at Number One Poultry are turning up the imperial and domestic remains of Roman Londinium as well as the livid scorchmarks of Boudicca's first Blitz of London.

Modern archaeological techniques such as aerial photography and metal detectors have recovered more of the Roman past in the last ten years than in the preceding century. And this gradual accumulation of evidence is rewriting and filling out the earliest British history. The 1066, And All Final travesty of savage Ancient Britons in woad subjugated by disciplined Romans has been superseded by a version of sophisticated tribes of traders, who generally welcomed the wealth and prestige of their Roman connection. But Sellar and Yeatman were not just joking: "The Roman Conquest was, however, a Good Thing." After the Romans left, it took the British 15 centuries to reinvent their central heating and hot baths, so suitable for the British climate.

Hadrian's Wall, the grandest Roman footprint left in Britain, is now seen more as a whitewashed terminus of Roman power than as a military barrier against the Caledonian nationalists. The writing on wooden tablets from Vindolanda describes a frontier melting-pot society, where mothers from warmer lands sent their sons parcels of socks and underpants, officers' wives gave supper parties, and Virgil was read and quoted. Epitaphs record the first Londoner whose name we know, Classicianus Alpinus, from Gaul. Tacitus also marked him as a

decent man who recommended a policy of appeasement rather than reprisals. Up on the wall we meet Regina, an early Essex girl, married to Barates, a Syrian merchant.

Each generation remakes the Romans in its own image. The Victorians took Rome as their model for running an Empire. with imperial laws, taxes and legions. This generation, having lost an Empire, is more interested in civilian and social history, the assimilation of natives into Roman ways, how continental flowers came to Fishbourne in travelling pots described by Pliny, and became naturalised here like the Romans.

Nobody speaks the new world language without echoing Rome, for two thirds of English is derived from Latin. This gives English two words for saying everything: fraternity or brotherhood, feline or cat. Much Latin has gone as native as Classicianus: quorum, tandem, alibi, etc. The alternatives of refined and plain. Romance polysyllables and Germanic nononsense, make English the language of poetry. And poets and scholars still wrote in Latin until the 19th century, while schoolchildren composed Latin verses and unseens well into this century. Even folk memory recalls Rome. As the locals called Caerleon King Arthur's Round Table, stories of Arthur's knights are echoes of the cataphracts, the heavy armoured cavalry of Rome going down at last before the Anglo-Saxon pirate hordes.

Rome is in English blood and stone, language and literature and way of life. They came and saw and stayed, and called the British affectionately the "little Brits". There was always local subsidiarity in such a proud island. The byrrus Britannicus is the British duffel coat with a hood for the winter. The Rudston Venus is broader in the beam than disappointingly skinny Italian models. But the Roman connection lies all around for those with eyes to see and ears to hear.

POOCH ON THE COUCH

Dog is man's best friend, but it deserves a dog's life

The contemporary dog apparently needs a shrink more than it needs walkies. As we report today, a pet therapy conference at Cambridge University has been told that by treating their dogs as little people, late 20thcentury owners are turning them into neurotic basket cases. Prozac antidepressants are being prescribed for dogs that behave like hyperthyroid rats. And animal behaviourists and counsellors now devise for pets games as significant and sophisticated as those that human resources managers play to test their junior executives.

More people would send their dogs to one of these new pet psychiatrists, except that a well-trained dog knows that it is not allowed on the couch. But it is not surprising if the increasing urbanisation and isolation of society derange dogs as well as their owners. Modern watchdogs are kennel potatoes and do what they are told by watching television or the burglar at work instead of keeping noisy watch and barking the house down. New breeds such as dobermann pinschers go around pinching dobermanns. A miniature poodle knows that most think of it as as usual, and trusting their two-legged fools.

highly strung, spoilt rotten and French. But give it a Mohawk clip, and nobody will ever call him Fifi again. A barking dog still never bites - while it is barking. Nevertheless, there is only one way to stop a dog barking

in August. Shoot it in July. In his letter to Wilhelm Fliess on July 7. 1898, Sigmund Freud reported a significant exchange in the origins of pet psychoanalysis. "Itzig, where are you riding to?" "Don't ask me, ask the horse." Domesticated animals act as projections of the human condition. For dogs were originally sentimentalised and humanised in the earliest novel, when Ulysses came home after 20 years, and was first recognised by his old dog, which wagged its tail and died. Since then dogs have been adored, anthropomorphised, bred to absurd shapes and conformations, loved and feared and spoilt as man's little pack barkers. The only way they are ever going to take first prize at a cat show is by taking the cat. But in this age of solitary anxiety, dogs need to go Freud as well as Woof. They will, wagging their tails,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Clash between Howard and judges on Bulger sentences

From Flight Lieutenant J. D. B. Paines, RAF

Sir. Your leading article of July 31. commenting on this week's finding by the Court of Appeal that the Home Secretary had acted unjustly in setting a 15-year sentence for the killers of James Bulger, asserts as a central principle that public opinion should have a direct bearing on sentences awarded in criminal cases. I regard that assertion as entirely wrong.

The public have no detailed knowledge of the case. They have heard no arguments of mitigation and have only a broad overview of the facts from media coverage. They have little effective experience of sentencing, They are not, therefore, qualified to participate in the sentencing process. The fact that public opinion is often inflamed by the rabloid press is a fur-

ther reason for assigning the metingout of justice, once a jury returns its verdict, to those who are both impartial and informed. Concerns for the level of public support for the justice system, the foundation for the position taken by your leader, must be addressed by correct and consistent sentencing across the

board, by leading public opinion and not by responding to it. Yours faithfully, J. D. B. PAINÉS, 34 Martlesham Road, Amesbury, Wiltshire.

August I.

From Lord Donaldson of Lymington

Sir. Your leader confuses two distinct issues. First, was the 15-year tariff sentence too high or too low? The Court of Appeal did not address this issue, holding, by a majority, only that in the case of very young offenders the Home Secretary had the power to determine such a sentence.

Second, did he act fairly in exercis-ing that power? The court held that he did not. Whether it is a judge or a politician who is passing senience, it must surely be axiomatic that he should act

fairly.

The court did not criticise the Home Secretary for taking account of public revulsion at the nature of the crime. Any sentencing judge would have done the same and the two judges concerned no doubt did so. The court did not criticise him for giving more weight to that particular factor than did those judges — different decision-makers can legitimately give different weight to different factors. What they criticised and criticised strongly was his taking account of organised at-

tempts to influence his judgment. To accept such action as a proper exercise of a judicial power cannot possibly improve confidence in the criminal justice system. On the contrary, it would represent a move in the direction of substituting the rule of the mob for that of the rule of law.

Yours faithfully, JOHN F. DONALDSON (Master of the Rolls, 1982-92). As from: House of Lords. August I.

From Mr F. Ashe Lincoln, QC Sir, Your editorial comment supporting the Home Secretary in the Bulger case will be widely accepted as right. There is, however, much confusion as to the effect of the various judicial views on the time to be served by the murderers.

At the trial the judge had no power to give less than "life" as fixed by Parliament. The recommendation that they should be released after eight years was no more than an indication to the Home Secretary of the judge's opinion, no doubt kindly meant but in no way binding on the minister whose

decision as to release governs.

The judiciary, for good reasons, do not like to have their sentencing powers fettered by Parliament; this is an

important and moot constitutional question that has to be resolved; but at the moment the judges must accept the position and cannot curtail the discretion of the minister exercising the prerogative of the Crown. Yours truly. F. ASHE LINCOLN,

6 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4. August 1.

From Mr Jerome Gardner

Sir. Your leader of would have been more convincing in its support of Michael Howard for his role in the Bulger case had it been able to indicate that he was less sensitive to public pressure in a case of equal notoriety where a very long tariff has now been completed - that of Myra Hindley.

These two cases may not have much in common, but taken together are a demonstration that "the roar of the mob is indeed a most persuasive influence upon the Home Secretary.

Yours faithfully, JEROME GARDNER, Morticombe, Cherry Bridge, Barbrook, Lynton, Devon.

From Sir John Wilton

Sir, Solomon would have got a rare drubbing from the Lords of Appeal. His treatment of the plaintiffs in the case of the disputed baby fell "far below the standards that a court would adopt" (report, July 31).

Yours sincerely JOHN WILTON. Legassick House, 69 Fore Street, Plympton St Maurice, Devon.

How long, oh Lord, and how heavy? Spinal injuries

From Mr E. K. Farldany

Sir. In your issue of July 26 you report the ground-breaking research being carried out in Sweden which has restored some movement and function to paralysed animals.

This work, and that being carried out by research centres in a number of other countries, provides grounds for cautious but growing optimism on the part of paraplegics and tetraplegics (like myself) at the prospects for an end to the permanence of human spinal cord paralysis, especially for those with newer injuries. A doctor involved in the Swedish research stated on the Today programme, also on July 26, that he considered clinical trials on humans might begin "within two

As with all pioneer work, however, spinal research has its doubting Thomases. I could have wished for more enthusiasm than was shown by the spokespeople for the spinal injuries charities in your report. One can understand their need to err on the side of caution but it is frustrating to read, yet again, the suggestion that efforts on behalf of those with spinal injuries might better be directed towards "living for the here and now".

It is, in my view, a monumental disservice to the efforts of research pioneers that such views can still hold sway, not least because of the adverse effect they could have on fundraising for international spinal research.

They are views which I feel owe more to political correctness (and a misplaced concern about offending disabled people's sense of worth) than to an objective desire simply to improve the human condition.

Yours faithfully, EDWARD FARIDANY. Mount Pleasant Farm, Rushlake Green. Heathfield, East Sussex. July 26.

Flight recorders

From Mr C. R. P. Stonor

Sir, If flight TWA 800 had fallen out of the sky minutes later into deep Atlantic waters it is unlikely that the flight and voice recorders would have been recovered. However, the immediate acquisition of data relevant to an aircraft disaster could be guaranteed at small additional cost using existing technology.

On-board flight and voice recorders could be equipped with battery-powered radio transmitters capable of transmitting to ground stations via an exclusive satellite-radio channel with

global coverage.

The transmission of data, both current and recorded, would only be in extreme circumstances, such as loss of cabin pressure, structural failure, engine fires and turbine disintegration. Sensors could detect and pinpoint an explosion within the aircraft or an external explosion caused by a missile. and the aircraft's identity, current map reference and recorded data be transmitted within a few seconds.

Besides transmitting vital diagnos-tic data before it is lost or destroyed. such procedures would enable ground stations to give immediate warning to cluding the aircraft's final position. The need is paramount - does the

vision exist to realise it?

Yours faithfully. C. R. P. STONOR, Chownes Mead. Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

which he accords that event pre-emi-

From Mr Vivian Linacre

Sir, I wish you would not persist in mixing imperial and metric units in references to weights and measures.
You are not obliged to convert from imperial to metric and presumably you will not do so consistently because of the obscurity or inelegance of many metric units. Given that you cannot adopt the metric system uniformly. why therefore can you not retain imperial notations throughout, rather than confuse readers with an odd as-

For example, your issue of July 20 includes an item about the proposed Stonehenge visitor centre "with 8,000 square metres of floor space" and a 4,000-acre park", and a story about a burglar in a "2 metre by 12 metre box" alongside another about somebody "Sft Sin" tali. Simon Jenkins sums it up in his article about the Olympic Games, "Wake me for the mile". in

Scots oil, English debt

From Mr A. A. Bolland

was not so serious, it would be comical.

Equally, at the 1992 general election, more than 75 per cent of the voters voted for a party advocating a Scottish parliament, whilst the major-

For the record, Scotland has 8.8 per cent of the UK population. On Scottish Office figures it carried 9.3 per cent of the UK tax burden in 1993-94. ie, £500 per taxpayer per year or £9.62 per Scottish taxpayer per week.

the English, Mr Hailes.

Yours sincerely. A. A. BOLLAND, 15a Middleton Road. Nr Morecambe, Lancashire. July 29.

Maddened by bells

From Mrs Valerie Twiss

Sir, Church bells are an anachronism Villager cuts down noise levels by taking an axe to the church bells". July 29). In a society with millions of clocks we don't need a bell to tell us it's time to go to church. Churches display great arrogance in assuming the right to announce their services in this way. What if every sect, club, society and entertainment provider chimed for half an hour prior to an event?

Churcheoers are a minority group. Their bell-ringing stresses those who seek peace in a noisy world. Yours faithfully,

VALERIE TWISS, Kingsdene, Church End, Drayton, Passlow, Buckinghamshire.

From Mr Robin Dyke

Sir. How pleasant it must be to live near a village green, a golf club, or open countryside. How convenient it must be to live near a church, school, shopping centre, motorway, railway Most absurd is the incongruity

nence, "even debased as the 1500

within Frances Bissell's recipes in the Magazine, which combine rule-ofthumb measures such as "I tsp" and "good pinch" with the precision of 500g" and "150ml". What practical use is Ig or Iml of anything?

Deficiencies in some children's education are easily remedied and afford no greater excuse for metric muddle less a metric monopoly — than do EU directives. So please stick to our traditional, rational weights and mea-

V. T. LINACRE (Chairman). British Weights and Measures Association, 9/5 New Bell's Court, Edinburgh 6. July 25.

Tim Hailes that the English taxpayer

has subsidised the Scots is miscon-

In the early 1970s, when I was on

secondment as an under-secretary at

the DTI, I was seated at lunch one day

next to a distinguished permanent sec-

retary. When I stated that devolution

for Scotland would leave Scotland

with all the oil and the Bank of Eng-

Since then, much of the benefit from

land with all the debt, he nearly chok-

Scottish oil has been exported as over-

seas investment or applied to reduce

the Government's revenue deficit. The

Scots have lost much of the benefit

and the Bank of England still holds

As a Scot by sentiment and descent

(but not by birth), I consider Mr Hailes's letter to be highly provoca-

tive. If the Isle of Wight perceives a be-

nefit of independence from the fiscal

inadequacies of this Government, so

Kay & Co (chartered accountants),

Hanley Castle, Worcestershire. July 29.

most definitely do the Scots.

Yours faithfully,

ALAN KAY,

Severn End,

From Mr Alan W. Kay Sir. The implicit assumption made by

ed on his soup.

Sir, If Mr Tim Hailes's letter (July 29)

The "English taxpayer" does not and never has had cause to "subsidise" Sextland.

ity voted for it in the referendum.

including 80 per cent of North Sea revenues; (the 1995-96 figures were 9.8 per cent and 90 per cent respectively). On the 1993-94 figures alone, this equates to a difference of El.1 billion —

It is the Scots who are subsidising

It therefore makes me wonder if those who complain about the unexpected arrival of cricket balls, golf balls or housing developments, the noise of bells or children, or the pollution of traffic, trains or aircraft have thought of moving. Or is it every nimby's right to make newsworthy pro-tests in their own self-interest?

The traditional art of bell-ringing can only be sustained with a certain amount of training and practice. Visiting other churches broadens the experience of the ringers, as does the occasional neel.

Taking an axe to a 15th-century church door and the bell ropes is not a solution that society should accept.

Yours tolerantly, Warborough, Oxfordshire.

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Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Disputed changes at the Prado

From Professor Sir John Elliott

Sir, I cannot agree with Sir Norman Foster's reported opposition to the proposed removal of Madrid's Army Museum (the Museo del Ejercito) in order to provide additional space for the Prado (Foster in Madrid museum dispute", August 2).

The character of the Prado is unique, and nobody wants to see it replaced by a mega-museum; but large numbers of its paintings, including many of exceptionally high quality, are at present inaccessible to the pub-lic. The additional space afforded by the Army Museum would be admir-

ably suited to their display.

The Army Museum, a 19th-century creation, is housed close to the Palace of the Buen Retiro - a pleasure-palace built for Philip IV in the 1630s and largely destroyed during the Napoleonic wars. Its principal room, the centrepiece of the original palace, is a great ceremonial hall known as the Hall of Realms. It is comparable in importance to the Whitehall Banquet-

ing House. The decorative scheme of the hall was designed to proclaim the military triumphs of Philip's reign and the glories of the dynasty. The paintings commissioned for it, including five royal portraits by Velazquez and his The Surrender of Breda, are currently dispersed through the Prado. Their return to their original setting and the hall's long overdue restoration to something approaching its original grandeur would represent a splendid addition to the attractions of Madrid.

In addition, the transfer of the Army Museum to the famous Alcazar of Toledo - an entirely appropriate site, where the museum's contents can be far more effectively displayed will provide hanging space for many of the paintings originally acquired for the Retiro and now in storage in

Whatever may be thought of the inclusion of the cloisters of San Jeronimo in the proposed extension of the Prado, the transfer of the Army Museum and the restoration of the Hall of Realms are necessary and desirable. Both should go ahead.

Yours faithfully, JOHN ELLIOTT (Regius Professor of Modern History at the University of Oxford), History Faculty Library. Broad Street, Oxford.

Sauce for goose

From Dr Justin Seabrook

Sir, Mr Keith Waller (letter, August 3) draws a confused political parallel between sport and education. Achieve-ment in both fields is dependent primarily on providing opportunity for all rather than concentration of resources on an "elite".

The selling-off of school playing fields and neglect of community sports facilities has had a greater effect on the nation's medal yield (not to mention its health) than can possibly be recovered by John Major's proposed academy of sport (report, July 25). Selection is now from too small a population of athletes.

Likewise, £200 million spent on the Assisted Places Scheme will have a smaller effect on the mean educational attainment level than the same sum expended on seriously underfunded state schools.

Yours faithfully JUSTIN SEABROOK, Flat 2, 4 Victoria Road, Northampton, August 3.

Future Olympics From Mrs Mary Smith

Sir, With Atlantamania coming to an end, dare I suggest that after the millennium, the Olympic Games should be staged permanently in Greece? Their origin is almost completely lost in the insatiable desire for host countries to out-do one another in lavish style and unacceptable extravagance.

Yours sincerely. 54 Eastern Road, Fortis Green, N2. August 4.

From Dr H. K. Moller Sir, Having watched basketball and volleyball on television I wonder if there should not be an Olympic event for those of less than average height. Would limbo dancing be suitable? Yours faithfully.

HANS MOLLER, 215 Maidstone Road, Rochester, Kent.

Power of the press

From Mr Toby Beresford

Sir, Brian MacArthur is mistaken if he believes the future of newspapers lurks in a laptop (Paper Round, July 31). If my day is spent staring at a computer screen the last way I want to relax is by surfing the Internet, even as one of his "under-30s who find it

After work yesterday I lounged in the garden, basked in the afternoon sun and read The Times. When finished, I used it in a way no computer will ever be able to match: for shading my head as I dozed off ...

Yours somnambulantly, TOBY BERESFORD, 7 The Walled Garden, Wargrave, Berkshire. August 1.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

August 4: Mr Leslie Simmons was received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Gold). Mr Roy Howling was received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with a Bar to the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver). Mr John Brown was received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

August 4: Today is the Anniver sary of the Birthday of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward will attend the Ocean Youth Club's reception at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend a council meeting on hoard HMY Britannia Cowes isle of Wight, at 5.00.

Birthdays today

Professor Neil Armstrong, first man on the Moon, 66; Dr D. Arnold, Principal, St Chad's College, Durham University, 43; Mr Billy Bingham, football manager, 65; Mr Michael Diamond, former director, Birmingham City Museums and Art Gallery, 54; Professor H.G. Dickinson, botanist, 52; Professor Sir Michael Drury, former president, Royal College of General Practitioners, 70; Miss Barbara Flynn, actress, 48; Miss Joan Hickson, actress, 90; Lord Hindlip, 56; Mr Alan Howard, actor, 59; Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, 61; Mr R.W. Jewson, chairman, Savills, 52; Sir Michael Kerry, QC, furmer Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, 73; General and Treasury Solicitor, 73: Mr C.J. Kitching, secretary, Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts, 51: Mr Martin Lambie Nairn, designer, SI: Sir Bert Millichio, chairman, Football Association, 82; Mr John Monks, General Secretary, TUC, 51; Mr Eric Nicoli, chief executive, United Biscuits (Holdings), 46; Mr Rad-

ney Pattisson, yachtsman, 53; Mr K.P. Pearson, Headmaster, George Heriot's School, Edin-burgh, 55; Sir Eric Pountain, former chairman, Tarmac, 63; the Hon Miriam Rothschild, enromologist, 88; Mr Rob Saunders, rugby player, 28; Sir Nicholas Scott, MP. 63: Lord Seiton of Garston, 81; Mr Peter Smith, chairman, Coopers & Lybrand, St; Mr John Spellar, MP, 49; Miss Theodora Turner, former matron, St Thomas' Hospital, 89; Mr John Whitaker, showjumper, 41.

Today's anniversaries

BIRTHS: Count Johann von Struensee, physician and politician, Halle, Germany, 1737; John Wrotesley, 2nd Baron Wrotesley, astronomer, Stafford, 1798; Alexander Kinglake, historian, Taunton, 1809; Edward John Eyre, explorer and Governor of Jamaica, Hornsea, Yorkshire, 1815; Guy de Maupassant, short story writer, Miromesnil, France, 1850; Conrad Aiken, novelist and poet, Savan-nah, Georgia, 1889; Clara Bow, the "it" giri film star, Brooklyn, New York, 1906; John Huston, film director, Nevada, Missouri. 1906; Harold Holt, Prime Minister of Australia 1966-67, Sydney, 1908.

DEATHS: Thomas Newcomen, inventor of the atmospheric steam engine, London, 1729; James Gibbs, architect, London, 1754;

Hobbies, which are small,

fast-flying hawks, are feeding

their fledgelings in the tree-

tops: the young birds call excitedly when they see one of

their parents approaching

glide past on stiff wings. Although they

resemble gulls, fulmars be-

long to the shearwater family,

and can be distinguished by

the curious tube-shaped nos-

tril on the beak. Whinchats

and wheateurs are moving

south and are seen along the

is drifting through the coun-

tops of the cliffs. Thistledown

with a young

dragonfly for

them. Along the

coast. guillemots

have left their

nesting ledges

on the cliffs and

gone out to sea.

but fulmars still

razorbilis

and

swallow or

Frederick North, 2nd Earl of Guildford, Prime Minister 1770-82, London, 1792; Richard Howe, Earl Howe, admiral, 1799; Friedrich Engels, co-author of The Com-munist Manifesto 1848, London. 1895; Phil May, cartoonist, London, 1903; Arthur Meighen, Prime Minister of Canada 1920-21 and 1926, Toronto, 1960; Marilyn Monroe, actress, Los Angeles, 1962; Richard Burton, actor.

The first traveller's cheque, de-vised by American Express, was cashed, 1891.

The first electric traffic lights were installed in Cleveland, Ohio, 1914. The Nuclear Test Ban Treaty was signed by Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union, 1963.

tryside, and the fluffy seeds of

rosebay willow-herb are also

beginning to float away.

More late summer flowers are

opening: the dull gold stars of

fleabane line the ditches, and

many butterflies, especially peacocks and painted ladies.

Meadow brown butterflies sip at the bramble blossom:

both sexes have an eyespot on

their front wings, but the

females are mainly orange,

while the smaller males are

chocolate-brown.

small lilac flow-

ers glow on the prickly heads of

teasel. Hemp

agrimony grows

in wide swaths

along woodland

rides: it has

flowerheads of

pink and white,

which attract



Nature notes

The hobby

Latest wills

Mr John Derrick Mordaunt Snagge, of Dorney, Buckingham-shire, the broadcaster best known for his annual commentaries on the Boat Race, which he covered from 1931-80, left estate valued at

Mr William Pearson Powell, of Brough, North Humberside, left estate valued at £7,692,503 net. Size Valued at 1/4720000 11000
He left E7.000 and 10/10ths of the residue to personal legatest, and 1/260 of the residue equally between the Charles Sylar Truss, Harrogale, Dove House House, Bull, the Royal Navy Bernstoner Booksy and matinal Trus.

Sir Geoffrey James Warnock, of Axford. Marlborough, Wiltshire, the philosopher. Principal of Hertford College, Oxford, 1971-88, and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, 1961-85, left estate in the UK (other than his literary estate)

Elizabeth Henry Strangman, of Halesworth, Suffolk, left estate valued at £1,053,354 net. Valueu as Espandor Trans
She left L39,000 to personal legates,
13,000 to the RNLL L3,000 each to the
Durnkey Sanctuary, House of Rest for
Horses, Bauerres Dogs Home and World
Wide Fund for Nature, and the residue to
the temperal Canoner Research Fund.

Mr Colin Charles Mear, of Buckland St Mary, Chard, Somerset, left estate valued 52,469,903 ref.



The Comet prototype during an early test flight

Memorial appeal for

from which the Comet jet airliner first took off and the breathe?" jet age began. The Duke of Edinburgh has agreed to be patron of a memorial fund set up by former engineers who worked for de Havilland at his factory at Hatfield and which hopes to raise

£350,000 to sponsor an aerospace engineering postgraduate scholarship at the University of Hertfordshire and to erect a statue. It was 50 years ago this month that de Havilland, a test pilot and aircraft design-er, gave final approval for the development of the DH 106

Comet which was to become

the world's first passenger jet Mike Ramsden, who worked on the Comet as an engineering apprentice, said: "It is hard to appreciate the technical audacity of that decision. Airliners had always been driven by pistons and propellers. The jet engine was thought of in those days as a sort of air-fuel rocket for

The de Havilland team. which had already designed such world-beaters as the Tiger Moth, the Mosquito and the DH 100 Vampire jet, built the Comet in great secrecy and it first flew in July 1949. Sir Geoffrey, who was then 67, watched from his Morris Minor parked in

a corner of the airfield. However, although the Comet, which flew at twice the height and twice the speed of any previous passen-ger aircraft, brought jet travel to millions, de Havilland was largely ig-nored. He died in 1965 having watched the disasters of the Comet 1 resolved through the

discovery of metal fatigure. More than 11,000 jet airliners take off around the world each day carrying up to three million people on holidays, personal travel and business. However, the de Havilland name at Hatfield has gone. Soon after the last aircraft engineer had left the Hatfield

factory in 1993, owned by

PORNOGRAPHIC tobacco

pipes and cheap tin Elizabe-

than toys have been found in

London, documenting some of

the more obscure aspects of

the city's past. The finds date

from the past five centuries

and shed new light on trade.

The pipes, dating to the last

robing women whose bodies formed the bowls and legs

tapered into the stem. They

had been seized and smashed

by Customs under legislation

passed in 1857. Porcelain slides

showing erotic scenes were

Another revelation has

come from scraps of leaded

tin, looking like crumpled foil

wrappers. "These most fragile finds are 16th and 17th-

also found similarly broken.

industry and social life.

Archaeology

Erotic pipes uncover

bodies of evidence

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

period.

Southwark.



British Aerospace but now closed and lying derelict, a former chief engineer decid-ed something must be done to commemorate de Havilland's work.

"Charles Caliendi suddenly realised that all that history was just rotting away with nothing to show for the incredible pioneering work done by Sir Geoffrey." Alastair Pugh, chairman of the memorial fund, said. "Perhaps while the de Havilland flag was flying over Hatfield it was a kind of

century children's toys, pro-

viding evidence for a thriving

mass market in cheap models

of kitchenware, furniture, and the like," Mr Geoffrey Egan,

of the Museum of London's

than previously documented,

and will mean a revision of the

hood in the early modern

Evidence for sweets is

emerging, too, with the discov-

ery of the earliest sugar refin-

ery in England: sited at

Ratcliffe in east London, it

dates to the 16th century,

and typical conical sugar

moulds have also been found

in the Fleet Valley and in

The toys are much earlier

Archaeology Service, said.

memorial in itself. In the end it was decided that something must be done but it was almost too late." Now a committee of his

former employees, most of them knighted and holding senior posts in international aerospace companies, has been set up to raise the money to build the statue and create the aeronautical scholarship. The statue is likely to be a bronze of a seated Sir Geoffrey holding a Tiger Moth; it is hoped that it will be ready by next summer.

University news

Cambridge Jesus College Elections

Corpus Christi College

Sussex University To be professors:

Policy Research Unit. **Bristol University** The University Council has approved that the following be promoted to Personal Chairs from

August 1:

To Honorary Fellowships: Professor Sir Martin Rees. FRS; Professor S. Prawer, Professor DJ.

Elected into a Fellowship in Class B of Statute 31 (from October 1): Robert J. Mayhew, for research in Historical Geography.

Anthony Piciding, human geography: Raphael Kaplinsiy, professorial fellow; David Gazz, professorial fellow in the Science

August I:

Dr R.W. Alder, Chemistyr, Mr M.A.
Aston, Continuing Education; Mr C.L.F.
Astibed, Economics Dr R. Bullock
(Folley Studies Director of Dartugton
Research Unit: Dr N.G. Connelly,
Chemistry: Dr R. Foster, Physics Dr R.
Graham, Philosophy: Dr A.P. Halestrap,
bitochemistry: Dr R.L. Harrison, Archaeology: Dr A.I. Houssian, Biological
Sciences; Dr A.I. Houssian, Bistorical
Sciences; Dr A. Laughy; Geography: Dr
R. Lowe, Historical Studies; Dr R.J.
Parket, Geology: Dr D.J. Smith,
blechanical Engineering.

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss T.P.H.-M. Chris The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Jean,

Mr A.J. Hickman and Miss V.A. Lawrence

Marchoness of Allesbury, of Savernake Forest, Wiltshire, and Teresa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.T. Simons, of Collingbourne Ducis, Wiltshire.

The engagement is announced between Alexander, elder son of

between Alexander, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Hickman, of

Kensington, London, and Victoria, daughter of Dr and Mrs David

The engagement is announced between Christo, elder son of

Mr and Mrs Harry Leventis, of

Turweston, Northamptonshire, and Jane, only daughter of the late Mr Heber Fearnall and of Mrs Fearnall, of Hope, Flintshire.

and Miss K.S. Braman
The engagement is announced
between Adam Craig, elder son
of Mr Robert Ogden, CBE, of
Sickling Hall, Yorkshire, and
Mrs Bernice Ogden, of Follifoot,
Yorkshire, and Karen Susannah.

eldest daughter of Mr Tony Bramall, of Brearton, Yorkshire, and Mrs Sue Bramall, of Inch.

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs Richard Rundle, of

Cheam, Surrey, and Gail, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, second son of

Mr and Mrs Anthony Steele, of Bowdon, Cheshire, and Arshia,

eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Hassan A. Panahloo, of Canterbury, Kent.

Mr Vernon Searborough to be

Ambassador (non-resident) to the

Republic of Palau, the Federated

Stares of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands

Mr William Lawrence Banks

Deputy Chairman, Robert Flem-

ing & Co, to be a Commissioner of the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 and a Member

Mr Loyd Grossman to be a

member of the Museums and Galleries Commission.

Mr David Anderson, Second

Legal Adviser to the Foreign

and Commonwealth Office, has been elected to the United Nations Law of the Sea Tribunal.

Brigadier W.C. Deller presided at

the annual dinner of The Suffoli

Regiment Officers' Dinner Club held on Saturday at Culford

National Association

Dr Timothy Clifford has been

appointed President of NADFAS for a live-year term. Dr Clifford is the Director of the National

Service dinner

The Suffolk Regiment

School, Bury St Edmunds.

of Decorative and

Fine Arts Societies

of the Board of Management.

Mr N.R. Rundle and Miss G.K. Campbell

Dr J.P.C. Steele

and Dr A.A. Panabloo

Appointments

from later this month

Election

lawrence, of Caldy, Wirral.

and Miss J. Fearnall

Mr A.C. Ogden and Miss K.S. Bramañ

Mr A.J. Wilbraham and Senhoritz M. F. Amarai Valentini Lord Charles Brudenell-Bruce

Valentini
The marriage took place on
Saturday at Igreja dos
Dominicanos, Perdizes, São Paulo.
Brazil, of Mr Alexander
Wilbraham, eldest son of Mr John
Wilbraham and of the Hon Mrs
William by Senhorita Fernanda Villiers, to Senhorita Fernanda Amaral Valentini, eldest daughter of Senhor and Senhora Arnaldo Valentini, of São Paulo, Father J.P. Barruel Lagenest officiated.
The bride was given in marriage

Marriages

by her father. Mr Philip Rees was A reception was held at Club Pinheiros.

Lieutenant-Colonel J.H. Gordon

and Miss F.M. Fairbairn
The marriage took place on
Sarurday at the Church of
St Mary Magdalene, Barkway,
Hertfordshire, of Lieutenant-Colonel James Henry Gordon. only son of Mr and Mrs Graeme Gordon, of Kemmure Kennels. New Galloway, Kirkeud-brightshire, to Miss Fiona Mary Fairbairn, only daughter of Sir Brooke Fairbairn and the late Lady Fairbairn, of Barkway House, Newmarket, Suffolk. The Right Rev Maurice Wood and the Rev Christopher Kevill Davies officiated

officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Camilla Bolton, Amy Stuart-Mills, Pandora Stuart-Mills, Imogen Fairbaim, Roya Athill, William Korner and Jack Fairbairn. Mr Terence Bramble was best man.

A reception was Langham, Barkway.

The Rev N.I. Bourne and Miss S.E. Sanger The marriage took place on Saturday at St Thomas', Bedhampton, of the Rev Nigel Bourne, son of Mr and Mrs Emes Bourne, of Basingstoke, Hampshire, so Miss Susan Sanger, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Sanger, of Havant, Hampshire. The Rev Douglas Wren officiated and Canon Alan

Brown gave the sermon. Mr P.J. Tomlinera and Miss Y.E. Chesney

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 3, at St Andrews United Reformed Church, Eastbourne, between Mr Paul Tomlinson, elder son of Tooy and Sylvia Tomlinson, of Brookmans Park, Hertfordshire, and Miss Yvonne Chesney, younger daughter of James and Elizabeth Chesney, of Eastbourne. The Rev

Mr P.M. Wallace-Woodroffe

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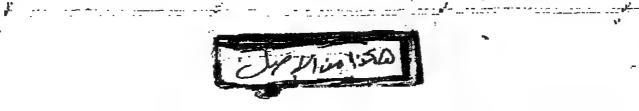
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Mervyn Cowie, CBE, founder and former director of the Royal

National Parks of Kenya, died on July 19 aged 87. He was born on April 13, 1909. MERVYN COWIE campaigned for

and created Kenya's National Parks. then ran them for 20 years to help to save the country's wildlife from extinction. He fought for funds to build roads and safari lodges and to train game wardens. He broadcast and lectured throughout the world as one of the most celebrated conservationists of his time. Not only did he succeed in his endeavour, but he helped Kenya's tourist trade to rival coffee as the biggest contributor to its balance of payments.

Among those who came to visit his famous parks were the young Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip on the eve of her accession to the throne. The film Where No Vultures Flv. starring Anthony Steel, was inspired by Ke nya's conservation story and carried Cowie's name among the credits. But then in 1966 at the height of his powers, three years after Kenya had been granted independence, the man who had made it all happen was abruptly dismissed. His job, he was told, was being "Africanised" - with a local man taking over. He left with one month's pay and without a pension, just a letter from President Kenyatta expressing his thanks.

His disappointment was the more acute because Kenya was his home. Born Mervyn Hugh Cowie in Nairobi, he was the son of a former chief magistrate of South Africa who had been so impressed by Kenya on a visit that he had gone to live there with his

Young Mervyn was educated in this country at Brighton College, from where he went to read law at Brasenose College, Oxford. But he left without a degree, sailing back to Kenya when his father became gravely ill, the result of being wounded in the Boer War.

Cowie later returned to Britain, qualified as a chartered accountant, then practised in Nairobi in the 1930s. In his spare time he hunted game, as did everyone else, and once reputedly killed six lions with eight shots. He was growing concerned, however, by the rate at which the country's wildlife was being lost. East Africa was lagging behind other regions over conserva-tion. Although Kenya had game reserves in which shooting was banned, it needed more rigorously monitored

MERVYN COWIE



national parks. As part of Cowie's campaign, he "befriended" a pride of seven lions and five leopards which he personally fed at the same place in the bush, escorting influential visitors to the spot in order to win them over to his cause. The one-time Governor Sir Robert Brooke-Popham was a powerful convert.

His first breakthrough was the creation of a Game Policy Committee in the late 1930s. But then came the Second World War, during which Cowie, an officer in the King's African

Rifles Reserve in the 1930s, served with the Kenya Regiment in Abyssinia, the Middle East and Madagascar. Demobilised as a Lieutenant-Colonel (he was known as "Colonel Cowie" at one time) he returned to his private battle in 1945 and one year later saw the realisation of his dream with the creation of the Nairobi National Park.

Others swiftly followed. He had learnt to fly in his teens, but had not done so since he saw his elder brother killed in front of him when his light aircraft crashed. The need now to patrol his growing empire persuaded him, however, to take to the air again. In 1951 he joined Kenya's Legislative Council and served on it for nine years providing himself with a powerful platform to fight for resources. He was made Director of Manpower during the Mau Mau emergency, 1953-56, organising the military call-up of Europeans.

her husband was called that she threw her shoes at Cowie, who promptly claimed danger money from the Government. An official stiffly replied, turning him down. After losing his job in 1966 the dispirited Cowie performed a sequence of jobs before being appointed in 1972 financial director of the African Medical and Research Foundation, which ran the Flying Doctor Service.

On retiring from that seven years later, he migrated briefly to Britain but soon returned to Nairobi feeling homesick. He settled here permanently, however, some seven years ago, concerned by the growing insecurity in

Appointed CBE in 1960, he was showered with honours by other countries and served on various international wildlife bodies. He once presented a series of 12 natural history programmes on BBC Television, His first book Fly Vulture, a more accurate if less colourful account of his campaign than had been portrayed in the film, appeared in 1961. This was followed by I Walk With Lions, published in America in 1964, and by African Lion one year later.

Although Cowie loved all animals, even the giraffes who regularly ate his roses in Nairobi, his favourite remained the lion. He disapproved, however, of Joy Adamson's attempts to tame them. He once refused her permission to release some lion cubs in his national parks, whereupon she flung herself on his office floor in a tantrum.

A lean, erect man with a trim military moustache, Cowie was known for his old-fashioned courtesy and charm. His military bearing was relieved by the twinkle in his eye and by a well-developed sense of the ridiculous.

His first wife Molly, a ballet dancer who ran her own ballet school in Nairobi, died in 1956. He is survived by his second wife Valori, who was once his secretary, and by five children — two sons and a daughter by his first marriage and a further son and daughter by his second.

IVAN LALIC

ivan Lahe, poet, died on July 27 aged 65. He was born in Belgrade on June

IVAN LALIC was a poet whose verses described all that was best in the former Yugoslavia. The finest Serbian and Croatian autural traditions blended in him, and enriched his writing. As a European modernist,

he felt free to pick and choose his themes from all available traditions. He had much in common with other Mediterranean writers, like the Greek poet George Seferis, with whom he shared a passion for the sea. Indeed, Lilac once said that he considered himself more Mediterranean than Serbian or even Yugoslav though that may have been his own typically understated re-sponse to the narrowing of perspectives which he saw going on around him during the civil war.

In an early poem he had written, "Places we love exist only through us ... Places we love we can never leave". For Lalic, most of these deeply loved "places" were spiritual zones that were recognisably Yugoslav - whether drawn from the Byzantine Empire or Renaissance Dubrovnik, from Serbia or Croatia. He was steeped in all the literatures of the different local regions.

He was born into a cultured Serbian family. His father Vlajko was a journalist and his maternal grandfather Isidor Bajic was a composer. His sensibility was shaped by the bloody experiences of war as a boy: The theme of death in my poetry, or destruction, is very deeply rooted in this war experience." A poem recently published in English, in a collection entitled A Rusty Needle, confronted his sense of loss over the death of a group of his childhood friends in an air raid: "But I remained, to grow on/With their gaze in the nape of my neck. ike/A rusty needle just under the skin; but also, slowly./To come to love the night and her soft stars again."

In 1946 he moved to the



Croatian capital. At school there, in the same class, he met Branka, a talented musician who later became his wife. He entered the Zagreb law faculty in 1949, and in his graduation year, 1955, published his first book, Bivst decak (Once a boy). After graduation he joined Radio Zagreb and became an editor. In 1961 he moved back to Belgrade to become general secretary of the Yugoslav Writers' Union, In 1979 he went to Nolit publishing

house, where he worked as an

editor until retirement in 1993. Although the move back to Belgrade in 1961 was permanent, each summer was spent, with his wife and two sons, at his second family home in the town of Rovinj on the Istrian coast. Then in 1989 disaster struck. His first son Vlajko was drowned in a sudden squall on an Adriatic yachting trip, bravely sacrificing himself to save his two companions. Lalic confronted this tragedy in later poems, insisting, despite his loss, on the poet's inborn duty to continue assenting. Then war and the collapse of the Yugoslav Federation put a complete stop to his Adriatic summers.

Between 1955 and 1992, he published 16 books, including two editions of selected poems. He received numerous Yugoslav awards, and was widely translated into other languages. In English alone, seven volumes have appeared.

and he was fortunate to have two able translators into the R. Jones and the American Charles Simic. Jones's fourth selection. A Rusty Needle, has recently been published by Anvil Press.

Lalic was a polyglot, with fluent English, French and German, and excellent Russian and Italian. His knowledge of the major world literatures was thorough and deep. His translations from English included editions of Whitman, T.S. Eliot, David Gascoyne, and Marlowe's Tamburlaine. He admired both Britain and the British sense of humour. On his first visit to Cambridge, for the 1979 Poetry Festival, he wrote several authentically bawdy limericks.

Lalic brooded long over his subjects, and the importance of memory and of recollection was essential to his work. But when it came to composition, he worked quickly and effort-lessly, not wishing to mar or overload his texts with corrections. To him the act of composition was an epiphany. As an Orthodox Serb, it was important to him to compose in Cyrillic. He took quiet pride in the neat, firm writing in his manuscript books, which to him were records of these Orphic dictations from his inner voices.

Perhaps Lalic's most enduring gift is that these epiphaes are experienced directly by the reader, in sudden and unexpectedly radiant images. These frequent moments caught in the poem are by no means "accidental" flashes of technical brilliance, but spontaneous blossomings of a coherent and informed vision, sturdily rooted in history. He never flinched from the poet's task, but rejoiced in his work: Terrible is the effort to recognise love/In the waning, and to read the sign/In the nettle between two syllables of stone/...our task/Is to remember, to deliver blows;/
The task of the peach is to blossom.

He leaves his widow and his

HUGH CRONYN

Hugh Cronyn, GM. aged 91. He was born on April 30, 1905.

DURING his wartime service with the RNVR, Hugh Cronyn was one of the first naval officers to be awarded the George Medal. Volunteering for the bomb disposal service in 1940 he was posted to a Bristol dockyard and it was there, after an air raid, that he bravely defused a German bomb in the hold of the tanker Chesapeake which was carrying a cargo of high octane

After ensuring that as much petrol as possible had been unloaded from the tanker, Cronyn went down alone into the hold, wearing a wooden helmet attached to an airline to protect himself from noxious fumes. He then, as he later recalled in his memoirs, did his "little 40-minute ceremony" on each of the two fuses the bomb contained, and made it safe. For this singular act of courage, he was awarded the newly instituted George Medal. But in civilian life, Cronyn

was a talented artist who chose landscape as his principal subject. Often experimental in his technique sometimes at the expense of commercial success - he would constantly rethink and adapt his methods of representation of the landscapes of East Anglia, the Thames, France and his native Canada. Even in old age, as blindness encroached, his work was characterised by a vibrancy and luminosity. And though his wartime experiences had inevitably left their mental scars, his painting seemed to demonstrate a counterbalanc-



A Canadian, Hugh Verschoyle Cronyn was born in Vancouver and educated at Ridley College, After an unhappy period working for the Anglo-American Direct Tea Trading Company in Toronto.

beauty of human experience.

he decided to turn his back on the world of commerce in 1928 and started to study instead with Franz Johnston, a founder member of the Canadian school of landscape painters known as the Group of Seven.

In 1929 he enrolled for courses in the Art Students League in New York, and in 1930 moved on to the American School of Fine Arts at Fontainebleau. He spent the next four years in Paris, which he later came to regard as his "university", studying princi-pally with the Cubist painter Andre Lhote before coming to London, where he made a precarious living among a circle of talented young artists hased along the Thames at Hammersmith. These includ-



Hugh Cronyn, left, and Winter Lilies, 1983

Gertrude Hermes. Raymond Coxon and Edna Ginesi. At this time, he also became a close friend of A. P. Herbert and his family. With the outbreak of war in

1939, having had some experience of sailing, he joined the Thames River Emergency Service, and subsequently the RNVR, receiving his commission in 1940. During training at HMS King Alfred, he volunteered for the bomb disposal service.

He transferred in 1941 to Harwich and to corvettes. serving first in HMS Puffin and then in HMS Mallard. where he was promoted Lieutenant-Commander and appointed First Lieutenant of the First Flotilla Corvettes. His final posting was as British Naval Liaison Officer aboard the French cruiser Suffren, and he ended the war in Saigon shortly after the Japa-

nese surrender. On leaving the Navy in

1946, Cronyn was determined to pursue his vocation as a painter. After a brief period as director of art at the Architectural Association in London he taught painting from 1949 to 1969 at the Colchester School of Art, numbering among his many friends Cedric Morris and John Nash. From East Anglia, he returned to his earlier stamping grounds in London, where he acquired a studio alongside other artists living by the Thames, among whom were his old friends Julian Trevelyan and Mary Fedden. At this time he also acquired a house in the South West of France. where he spent most of the

summer months each year painting, and becoming in the process something of a local celebrity. As his work became increasingly well known, he exhibited at the Royal Academy, was shown frequently in East Anglia, and later in France, and at diverse locations in and around London, in 1972 he had major exhibitions at Can-

ada House and The Minories,

With typical courage, Cronyn continued to paint throughout the 1980s despite deteriorating eyesight. His work was shown in Toronto at Nancy Poole's studio in 1982. at the Phoenix Gallery. Lavenham, in 1985, and again in a retrospective exhibition in 1990. Paintings by him now form part of public and private collections in Canada, France, Sweden, Britain and America. In 1989 he published a short memoir of his Navy years entitled Steady As You

Go: A Canadian At Sea. Hugh Cronyn leaves his wife Jean, whom he married in 1942, and two daughters.

HIS HONOUR JOHN WILLIS

John Willis, county court and circuit judge, 1965-80, died on July 17 aged 90 He was born on July 3,

JOHN WILLIS touched the hearts of the nation more than thirty years ago when he fell for the barmaid of his local pub. The press flocked to the ubsequent wedding in 1964 at Leeds Register Office, where Willis, then the Recorder of Huddersfield, married Mrs Terena ("Tina") Steel, 30 years his junior. For months she had served him his lunchtime drink and sandwiches at the bar where she worked in

One newspaper carried a cartoon which showed a judge banging the table with his gavel and calling Time gen-tlemen please! To cries of Good Luck" from the crowds, the couple left for their threeweek honeymoon in his car, with Mrs Steel's daughter by a previous marriage in the back seat. Willis's own first marriage had been dissolved 18 years previously. They made the national

newspapers twice more: first, when his house was burgled during their honeymoon, and again when their baby was born in the following year. But then, as in all the best romances, they lived happily

John Brooke Willis was the son of a solicitor in Rotherham. He followed his elder brother to Bedford Modern School, where he won a scholarship, played rugby and also rowed, then went up to Sheffield University to read law. He carved for himself a niche in the university's history by becoming the first law student to win first-class honours.

before switching to read for the Bar. Called by the Inner Temple in 1938, he practised briefly in London before joining the North Eastern Circuit with chambers in Leeds. He was to become one of the circuit's most respected figures.

Commissioned into the RAF -Volunteer Reserve in the Second World War, Willis served in Aden and other parts of the Middle East, reaching the



rank of squadron leader before being demobilised in 1945. He then returned to Leeds and the break-up of his first marriage shortly afterwards. Willis was made Recorder

of his home town of Rutherham in 1951, then of the rather larger Huddersfield eight years later. In 1953 he also became chairman of the local Medical Appeals Tribunal, hearing cases of industrial iniuries and National Insurance, a post which he held for 12 years.

He served as deputy chairman of the West Riding Quar-

Willis then joined his, ter Session, 1958-71, and was father's Rotherham law firm made a county court judge in 1965, based in Derby, becoming a circuit judge after the 1972 reorganisation of the judicial system.

He retired in 1980 aged 74, but continued to help out for a few more years by taking cases from time to time before finally settling down to his garden and his books.

A tall, gentle, modest man, Willis made his reputation not by any flamboyant advocacy in court but through his profound knowledge of the law and his shrewd judgment. No one was better, it was said, at distinguishing the genuine hard-luck cases standing before him from those who were the "workers of inequity". But his style was quiet and Succinct.

Absorbed by the North Eastern Circuit, he was an expert in its history and geography. For many years he organised the North East's Bar Mess — which provides for barristers on circuit away from home. While chairman of the Medical Appeals Tribunal, he also held regular dinners for medical consultants within the area, which became known as the "Circles of Willis" — a play on the anatomical term for part of the brain. He was himself an authority on fine wines, although he preferred quality to quantity and his own personal consumption was modest.

Willis died from cancer after also suffering from Parkinson's disease for several years. He is survived by his wife Tina and by four children — a son and daughter from his first marriage and two daughters from his second, including a stepdaughter whom he brought up as his own.

Dean of Gloucester The Rev Canon Nick Bury. Vicar of St Peter-in-Thanet and Rural Dean of Thanet, diocese of Canterbury, is to be Dean of Gloucester, succeeding the Very Rev Kenneth

Jennings, who retires in November. Other appointments

The Rev Ian Black, Curate, Maidstone, All Saints' w St Philip and St Stephen, Tovil: to be Priest-incharge. The Brents w Davington and Oare w Luddenham (Canterbury).

The Rev Martin Clarke, Priest-incharge. Walsham-le-Willows and Firmingham w Westhorpe: to be also Priest-in-charge, Badwell Ash (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich). The Rev Catherine Dakin, Deacon (NSM), united benefice of Heydon. Great Chishill, Little Chishill, Chrishall, Elmdon w Wendon Lofts and Strethall: to be Deacon (NSM), united benefice of Great

and Little Maplestead w

Gestingthorpe (Chelmsford).

Church news

The Rev Geoffrey Daintree. Vicar. Framfield: now also Rural Dean of Uckfield (Chichester). Canon Ronald Diss, retiring as

Rector of Freemantle (Winchester) on August 31: to be a Canon Emeritus of Winchester Cathedral. The Rev Struan Dunn, Team South Gillingham: to be Rector. Meopham w Nurstead

The Rev David Evans, Rector, St Michael's, Cornhill (London): to be Chaplain. St Andrews, Pau, France (Europe). The Rev Alan Fishwick, Team Vicar, Accrington Team Ministry: to be Vicar, St Aidan, Mill Hill.

Blackburn. The Rev Graeme Giles, Assistant Curate. St Michael, Paulsgrove (Portsmouth): to be Vicar, St Peter le Poer, Friern Barnet (London). The Rev Michael Gudgeon. Bishop's Chaplain (Europe): to be also a Canon of Gibraliar Cathedral. The Rev Michael Halliwell, who

recently retired as Rector. St

Brelade w St Aubin: to be Honorary Assistant Curate, Grouville, Jersey for two years. He will continue to serve as a Vice-Dean during this time.

The Rev Nigel Hartley, Priest-incharge, Great Finborough w Onehouse, Harleston, Buxhall and Shelland: to be also Acting Rural Dean of Stowmarket (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Jane Hayward, Curate benefice and parish of St Mary Redcliffe w Temple, Bristol and St John the Baptist, Bedminster: to be Vicar, St Anne w St Mark and St Thomas, Eastville (Bristol). The Rev Thomas Heggs, Vicar. Yaxley: 10 be also Priest-in-charge.

The Rev Paul Holland, Assistant Chaplain, St Helier Hospital: to be Senior Curate. St John the Baptist. Croydon (Southwark). The Rev Clive Jenkins, Priest-incharge, Amberley w North Stoke and Parham, Wiggonholt and

Greatham and Diocesan Youth

Holme w Conington (Elv).

Officer (West Susset): to be Vicar, Southbourne w West Thorney (Chichester). The Rev Barry Keeton, Team Rector, Lewes (Chichester): to be Rector, St John the Baptist, Fleet

The Rev David Kightly, Priest-incharge. Chippenham, Snailwell and Isleham, and Rural Dean of Fordham: to be Priest-in-charge. Feltwell w Methwold and Rural Dean of Feltwell (Ely).

Resignations and retirements The Rev Dr Dennis Brown, Vicar, Wolford w Burmington; Rector, Cherington w Stourton; Rector, Barcheston (Coventry): retired July 31. The Rev Wilkie Denford, Rector,

August 31. Canon Daniel O'Connor, Residen-tiary Canon of Walkefield Cathe-dral and Bishop's Adviser on Interfaith Issues: to retire August

Pulhorough (Chichester): 10 retire

31 and be appointed a Canon Emeritus. The Rev Canon Ron Poil, Rector. Southbourne (Chichester): retired

THE FAMINE IN RUSSIA. ON THIS DAY STARVING HOSTS ON THE MOVE. (By Our Special Correspondent.)

Russia was the granary of Europe, and Russia is now starving... The facts in regard to the famine may be briefly summarized: In the provinces of Saratov, Samara, and Simbirsk. over a large area of the Don territory, and in the rich provinces to the east of the Volga up to the Urals there has been a complete failure of the harvest owing to the drought, and in the provinces bordering on these there is a partial failure. Over most of the rest of Russia the harvest is considerably below the average. The progressive peasannry of Saratov and the more backward Russian. Tartar, and Bashkir peasantry to the east of the Volga are starving. There is a tragic monotony in the accounts of their sufferings. With the fields burnt dry and showing only here and there a few stalks of corn, the wreiched men and women and children are making desperate attempts to support life like the beasts of the field, eating grass, dry leaves, and weeds, making cakes of acorn flour, eating the bones of animals ground to a powder, devouring at times even offal. Partic seizes them, and they flee in

hundreds from their villages, nailing up their doors, and sometimes in a fit of wild despair

August 5, 1921

Lenin's "New Economic Policy", restoring private trade, came too late to deal with the famine caused by a drought which had wiped out the harvest. Eighteen million people were starving and Russia appealed to the "international proletariate" for relief

setting their deserted dwellings on fire. Whither to flee they know not. The Cossacks from the northern districts of the Don are moving down towrds the Kuban, famous for its wealth of corn, but for months past disorganised by Cossark revolts. All along the hanks of the Volga great companies of starving men, women and children wait for days and days for some steamer to carry them away from the desolation. And they sicken and die while they wait ... Then in the midst of the devastating drought cholera has appeared, has spread from the mouth of the Volga all through the famine area, and is being carried

fair and wide by the wandering hosts of starving peasantry. Dr. Semashko, the Peo-ple's Commissary for Health, wrote in the Izvestia early last month: "A great epidemic of cholera has broken out. Rostov, the Volga region, Voronezh, and Orei are aiready aflame with it; it is breaking out in different centres in widely separated parts of the Republic. The sanitary condition of the country is most alarming. The filth in the towns is such that even during the drought people who have goloshes have had to wear them in the streets. The water-pipes and sewers have broken down. Worst of all, the migration of the population en masse is carrying the infection from one centre to another. The starving population of the Volga is moving southware like an avalanche, sowing contagion and death on the way ... There is probably corn enough in Russia now, if it could be properly distributed, to keep alive the starving millions; but with the hopeless disorganization, the lack of transport, the revolts in the Ukraine and Siberia, and the paralysis of economic initiative through Soviet misrule, it is impossible to expect that the disaster will be checked. The big towns themselves are threatened with starvation, and rations are dwindling daily,

96th birthday at Sandringham with the customary crowd-pleas-

Out of Africa something of a record Three young Britons flew out of Africa, bronzed, smiling and a little thinner after a record-breaking 18,000-mile flight around every corner of the continent's coastline to raise money

for wildlife. Piloting their own Cessna U206A, they completed in three months what they believe was the first such circum-

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A peasant carrying a Colombian flag cautiously seeks entry to an army-occupied airstrip in the southern, coca-growing area of the country. A farmers' protest is going on in the area against a government-led coca plant eradication programme

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mission to unify the bitterly divided city of Mostar collapsed after Oil: The oil industry faces decline separatist Bosnian Croats failed to meet a deadline to recognise because of a sharp fall in new oilfields ready for development. A the city's recent election report highlights a 35 per cent fall in recoverable reserves, with pro-Rail complaints rise duction tailing off after peaking in

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A-level passes set to rise again

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Capitol Hill flexes its muscles

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Doctors' leaders defended as ethi-

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whose single mother cannot cope

with two babies Page 1

Two British divers have been so

hard up that they have had to sell

their official Olympic kit to local

Americans Pages I, 7, 17, 21-25

Scientists have discovered how

pet owners can make their dogs

smarter animals - treat them

like farmers' sheepdogs, police

alsatians or guard dogs ... Page I

Wavering Tory voters are return-

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to haunt Tony Blair Page 2

Fears were growing for the safety

of a British relief worker kid-

napped in Chechenia after the

French aid organisation he works

for said it would be unable to pay

Just four years away from a con-

gratulatory telegram from her

daughter, Queen Elizabeth the

Queen Mother celebrated her

Queen Mother at 96

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Tories take heart

Fears for Briton

a ransom

Olympic coppers

Brainier dogs

■ The A-level pass rate is set to rise to record levels this month,

boosted by the first major set of grades from "test as you go"

modular courses. Ministers have been told to expect a leap of at

least 2 per cent in the pass rate and are braced for renewed

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, will argue that the best-ever results reflect the extra efforts

Republican leaders in America urged strikes against

reported terrorist camps in Iran if the UN fails to persuade

Tehran to close them. The criticism came amid reports that

transmissions tracked by the CIA had raised suspicions of an

Iranian connection to TWA Flight 800 Pages 1, 9

The mysterious wall

A troubling thought may occur to

you as you marvel at the scale of

the engineering of Hadrian's

Wall: what on earth was it

The European Union's two-year

best-known gardener, died after

failing from his bike during a

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During the months to come one

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If we stay out of the single curren-

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Rugby League: Bradford Bulls won 56-18 at Leeds in yesterday's

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Cricket: Andrew Caddick, the Somerset fast bowler, has been recalled by England for the Headingley Test. Graeme Hick has been dropped.

Gott: Lee Westwood won his first European Tour event when he holed a 50ft putt at the second extra hole of a three-man play-off, thereby taking the Scandinavian Mas-

Super League match...... Page 26

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Olympic Games: Steve Backley, in

Salling: Conditions were perfect for

International Trophy at Nottingham by beating Ajax 2-0 in the

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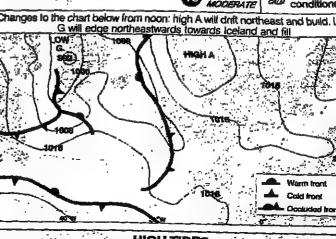
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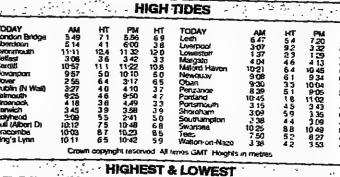
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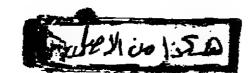
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BRITAIN'S ATHLETES SHORT OF A RETURN TO THE GOLD STANDARD







Offering silver linings to an often disappointing Games for Britain, Black, left, and Backley at least enjoyed tangible reward for their successes in the 400 metres and javelin, even if victory eluded them both

Briton's hopes of bronze set back

FROM CRAIG LORD

NICK GILLINGHAM. the British swimmer who finshed fourth in the 200 metres breaststroke. put celebrations of an unexpected bronze medal on hold last night after the independent Court of Arbitration for Sport upheld an appeal against the disqualification of two Russians who tested positive for a banned

Andrei Korneev, in the 200 metres breaststroke, and Zafar Gulyov, in the 48kg class in Greco-Roman wrestling both won bronze medals before it was discovered they had taken Bromantan, a psychostimulant used by Russian cosmonauts that reduces feelings of fatigue and is also thought to be used as a masking agent for other

After the positive test, Fina, the international governing body for swimming, realigned the result and announced that Gillingham would be awarded the bronze. Jean-Filipe Rochat, who presided over the six-day appeal, said that the matter was now in the hands of the international governing bodies. Fina could stick with its earlier decision but if it does not, Gillingham, 29 and now retired from the sport, said yesterday he will himself appeal to the

Sport counts the cost

FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN ATLANTA

FOR the third time in six Olympic Games, the Great Britain athletics team is returning home without a gold medal. In the past 30 years, only nine British athletes have stood on the top step of the Olympic podium and, as the number of nations participating increases and as the British Athletic Federation (BAF) struggles for funding to develop the sport while other national governing bodies en-joy government backing, the probability is that little will

forthcoming.
Four silver medals and two bronze represent a fair Olympics, given the resources available. How more cheerful the mood might be had either Steve Backley, in the javelin, or the British men's 4 x 400 metres relay team been just one per cent or so better here on Saturday night. How less critical the media might have been of the overall team performance had, say, Jonathan Edwards not fouled on his big fifth and sixth-round efforts in the triple jump, where his distances from the start of his hop to landing

Gold Silver Bronze TRACKING BRITAIN'S ATHLETICS MEDALS 49% African buyeou! 1985 American buyeou! 1984 Soviet beyons

change unless investment is appeared further than the winning jump. So little difference between no gold medals and three.

These Olympics have illustrated as well as any champlonship in recent years how thin is the line between success and failure. Argument, even with the benefit of the photograph, over whether Gail Devers or Merlene Ottey had crossed the line first in the women's 100 metres; the first five in the men's hammer separated by less than one and a half metres; the first three teams in the women's 4 x 400 metres relay covered by less than a quarter of a second. These are but three examples. For Britain, the story is

of frustrating near-misses, except in the case of Denise Lewis, who took the heptathion bronze medal by the equivalent of less than half a second in the 800 metres, the last of her seven events over two days, and Roger Black, pleased to win the race-withina-race to follow Michael Johnson over the line in the 400 metres. Backley, Britain's most consistently successful international championship performer since the last Olympics, was within a metre of an extraordinary success: only two months ago, he was on crutches after an operation on a ruptured Achilles tendon.

This was only Backley's third competition since his return. His was a race against time, so tight that he considered himself fortunate that his event was on the last day of the stadium track programme. The extra week of preparation worked in his favour, but he will wonder whether the 72 centimetres that separated him from the gold medal might have been bridged had he been able to train without



Divers' sacrifice. Leading article Moreeli's triumph Simon Barnes . Magic moments.

The British men's relay quartet broke the European record by almost a second, but were defeated by the United States (without Johnson) in a close race. Mark Richardson, who, on the third, ran the fastest of the four legs, underlined the difficulties British athletes are facing: "We are not competing on an equal footing any more. So many of our competitors are on government funding and a professional footing. A lot of our top-class athletes have to hold down full or part-time

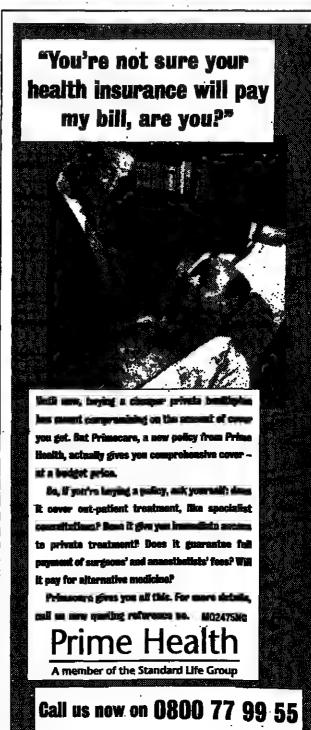
Malcolm Arnold, Britain's head of coaching and development, described the team performance — the worst in medal terms since 1976, when Brendan Foster's 10,000 metres bronze was the only success -as "better than the public and media expected" but called, again, for financial support. "Old attitudes, which formerly provided British success, are now out-moded," he said. "Britain will cease to be successful in the field of international sport unless there are radical

changes.
"We have a hotch-potch of small, mainly inadequate, indoor arenas and one permanent indoor track in Glasgow. To survive the British winter, athletes need purpose-built, multi-sport indoor areas and arenas. Direct funding of current and potential athletes, coaches and their support services needs to be addressed. The BAF annual budget for coaching and development is equivalent to the amount a second division football manager might spend on a third-rate striker." As he did at the world championships last year, Arnold called for funding from the National Lottery. Linford Christie, whose last international championship this was, said he would not would not want to work in the development of British athleties because, to his mind, it is

not professional enough. Improved professionalism requires better funding. France and Germany are govern-ment-backed. Each won three gold medals. The performances of the

younger members of the British team here are encouraging for the next Olympics: Lewis, Steve Smith, Angela Thorp, Iwan Thomas, Paula Rad-cliffe, Ian Mackie. This month in Sydney, where the 2000 Olympics will take place, Britain's best teenage athletes will compete in the world junior championships. The best are on the line between success and failure four years hence.

As Arnold said: "If investment is not made quickly, we shall be another two years down the road to Sydney 2000." Which side of the line today's teenagers end up depends on how much help they are given now.



the Great Britain 4 x 400 me-

tres relay team, those whose

finest moments are to come

hopefully, taking silver med-

als in the final track race of the

Olympic Games on Saturday

brought smiles all round. For

Roger Black, smiling was not

probably, of an Olympic gold

medal. Although he has said he will continue to compete for

as long as his body will

permit, he will be 34 come

Sydney in 2000. Arriving here,

he had gold medals from every championship except

Black took the 400 metres

individual silver on the fourth

day here. The crowning glory

would have been gold in the

relay, the final affirmation of a

magnificent career. When the

United States announced on

Friday that Michael Johnson, the athlete of the Games, had

withdrawn through injury.

the Great Britain quartet sud-

denly had a chance of the ultimate prize.

Black called the young

braves into his room. Iwan

Thomas, 22, and not even an

athlete five years ago; Jamie

Baulch, 23, who ar the time of

the last Games was preparing

to help Britain to win sprint

relay gold at the junior world championships; Mark Richardson, 24, lifth in the 1995

world championships but cast out of a probable individual

place here when a victim of

them a bit of a history lesson,"

Black said. "I had to tell them

what a great chance we had."

Britain had not won an Olym-

pic relay since 1936, when

Freddie Wolff, Godfrey Ramp-

ling, Bill Roberts and Godfrey

Brown defeated the United

At the 1991 world champion-

ships in Tokyo, Britain upset

the Americans again, and it

was their time then, 2min 57.53sec, which Thomas, Baulch, Richardson, and

Black, running in that order.

erased on Saturday as the

States in the 4 x 400 metres.

"I sat them down and gave

food paisoning.

the Ólympics.

This was his last chance.

Black unable to

take advantage

of golden chance

FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN ATLANTA European record, finishing in

Britain had, as Richardson

said, run "out of their skins".

Thomas, from blocks,

44.92sec, Baulch 44.19. Rich-

ardson 43.62, Black 43.87. It

was a measure of their effort

that the Americans, each with a personal best better than

Black's British record. could

be sure of victory only in the

Yet Black, though recognis

ing the quality of the perfor-

Tokyo," he said. "To be second

in the Olympics is funtastic.

but it is not the same as

Earlier, Backley had won

silver in the javelin. His first-round throw of 87.44 metres

stood through the competition as his best and better than all

but the second-round effort of

88.18 metres from Jan Zelezny,

the world record-holder from

the Czech Republic. Thus, the

order from the world champi-

Backley stands now as Brit-

ain's most consistently suc-

cessful athlete. Common-

wealth and European titles in

1994 and, now, silver medals

from successive global cham-

pionships. Aged 27. he is

young enough to return at the

next Games and try to com-

plete his set of Olympic med-

als - bronze in 1992, silver

last year was

2min 56.60sec.

final 50 metres.

When at last it arrived, it was a sad anticlimax. for everyone but him. The Atlanta final was an echo of the Mary Decker-Zola Budd controversy in the women's 3,000 metres at Los Angeles. With just over a lap to go, Hicham El

Holland, swerved around

El Guerrouj spiked Morceli's heel and fell in a heap, nearly bringing down with him the three runners immediately behind: Fermin Cacho, the defending champion, of Spain. Stephen Kipkorir, of Kenya, and the veteran Abdi Bile, of Somalia, Morceli half-stumbled, recovered his balance within two over his shoulder at the car-nage behind him, sped into a

five-yard lead over Cacho entering the penultimate bend. Cacho hurdled the prostrate El Guerrouj, Kipkorir side-stepped him. Bile briefly dodged into the flowers bordering the inside lane, Laban Rotich, of Kenya, who ran the fastest heat ever in the first round, his colleague, William

Tanui, and Marko Koers, of

him, but the natural rhythm and the drama of the race had fallen apart. Many had believed that the 21-year-old Moroccan, who had the year's second-fastest time a fraction behind Morceli's 3min 29.50sec. was capable of victory: of denying Morceli the title that went begging in

El Guerrouj's staying power. From the gun, Kipkorir and Morceli went straight into the lead, holding that position ahead of Rotich with three laps to go. Biding his time at the back was Bile, now 33, but enjoying a sudden revival. with a time of 3min 33.12sec in the semi-final. Bile had been

semi-final at Los Angeles, had of 1987 and the World Cup two years later, but missed Seoul and Barcelona through injury. Twenty members of his family had died in Somalia's civil war. It required a different kind of spirit from most others for him to be here now. The first lap went by in a moderate 6isec, and now all

disqualified for pushing in the

three Kenvans had moved in front ahead of Morceli who was there with his Moroccan shadow at his shoulder. With two laps to go. Bile had come through to join the front pack. Down the penultimate back straight, Bile was jostling with Cacho and El Guerrouj be-

hind Morceli, who now made his move to the front. Down the home straight they came, with one lap to go: Morceli in control, Cacho comfortably in place behind, Round the next bend, Cacho

touch with Morceli, Bile was battling side by side with Kipkorir, but could not hold him. Down the last back straight, the order opened out: Morceli, Cacho and another six or seven yards between him and Kipkorir and Bile. Around the last bend, Kipkorir strode clear of Bile, who was now fading fast, all three Kenyans striding clear into the home straight and that was how it stayed, with

Kipkorir taking the bronze. The title was Morceli's, never mind a relatively slow 3min 35.78sec, only a fraction faster than Rotich in the first round and way behind Coe's Olympic record of 3min 32,53sec.

History tends not to remember times, only names. Morceli's is now there along-

last, just behind John Mayock,



Morceli secures his place among greats

terday, Richard Nerurkar was urmi, Lovelock, El-liott, Snell, Keino, Walker, Coe; the illuslifth, but disappointed he did not supply Britain with a medal from the last event of the athletics programme. He was with the leaders through 15 miles but suffered a stornach problem from which he did not recover until 20 miles. By that time, the eventual medal-winners had broken fastest 1.500 metres times ever In the closest of all Olympic run, the only gap in his CV

men's marathon finishes, eight seconds covering the first three, Josia Thugwane provided South Africa with its first black Olympic champion. Thugwane recorded 2hr 12min 36sec, ahead of Lee Bong-ju, from Korea, and Eric Wainaina, of Kenya,

"This has got to be my best ever performance," Backley

said. As the season was begin-

ning, and Zelezny was throw-

ing a world record 98.48

metres, Backley was recover-

ing from an operation to

repair a ruptured Achilles tendon. He might have doubt-ed that he could get back in

time for Atlanta but Kevin

Lidlow, his physiotherapist, was adamant he would be

ready. Backley believed him-

the 1,500 metres at the world

championships last year, leaves Atlanta with the feeling

that injury may have cost her gold. She finished fourth in

the 800 metres but it was the

500 metres in which she had

the greater potential. She fin-

ished eleventh, having run six

races with a hairline fracture

of her lower left leg.
"I cannot think of any other

athlete who could have done

it." Malcolm Brown, the team

doctor, said. Holmes left the

track on crutches. Of those who reached the final, an injury-free Holmes would

have had only the eventual

winner, Svetlana Masterkova,

from Russia, to fear. In the European Cup in June,

Holmes had given Master-

kova a close race over 800

metres. Two months on, and without the curse of injury, she

In the men's marathon yes-

might have beaten her.

Kelly Holmes, runner-up in

David Miller watches one of the world's finest athletes fulfil his Olympic goal in a race marred by the fall of his chief rival

trious cavalcade of Olympic champions in the 1,500 metres was incomplete without one of history's finest runners, Noureddine Morceli, of Algeria. Three times world champion, world record-holder at four distances, with the four

OLYMPIC GAMES: BACKLEY AND 4 X 400 RELAY SQUAD KEEP BRITAIN AMONG MEDALS AS ATHLETICS PROGRAMME DRAWS TO CLOSE

was an Olympic title.

Guerrouj, of Morocco, intent on shadowing Morceli stride for stride, closed in behind an led towards the bell.

strides, and with half a glance

Barcelona, where he finished a dejected seventh while Cacho stole the glory in front of his own people with the slowest victory in 36 years. Though unbeaten 1992, except in one 800 metres race two years ago, Morceli, at

36, was possibly vulnerable to

eyes down, knowing what would be required to achieve a

side the greats who came before him. El Guerroui, meanwhile, paid for his error by coming

Backley makes it all worthwhile

hat a nice chap that Steve Backley is. Not only throws the javelin a devil of a long way, but always has a word for the people who think they made it all possible — us.

"Any message for the folks back home?" Stuart Storey, at trackside, asked.

"Yes," Backley said, flashing one of those silver medalwinning smiles that he and Roger Black do so well: Thanks for staying up. I know it's very late back there."

At last, someone who appreciated our efforts. It was 230am on night 15 of the Atlanta Games and I was already getting a little tearful. The closing ceremony was still 24 hours away, Scary.

All this talk of the lateness of the hour was too much for David Coleman. An hour or so earlier he had provided one of the truly excruciating mo-ments of the centennial Olympics with an impersonation of how Bruny Surin, the Canadian sprinter, might have en-couraged his relay team-mate, Donovan Bailey, on to the gold medal. It went something like: They man, go away and win it," and, yes, Coleman did have a stab at the accent. Now that really was scary.

was still 2.30am. "Please, perlease." Coleman begged, "don't got to bed. There's still one track event left ... and that gets underway in 15 minutes' time." Now, at that time of night. 15 minutes seems like an entire synchronised swimming competition - but what the heck. It was the penultimate night, Coleman was begging. Des Lynam had stayed up specially ... and the women's high

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jump was still going on.
When did women high
jumpers become so beautiful is one of those great unanswerable Olympic questions, along with when did Saudi Arabians get good at showjumping, or why rhythmic gymnastics? Whatever the reason, women's

high jump has become the most extraordinary event, with the medals disputed by an endiess succession of longlimbed athletes, most of whom look as if they should be on the catwalk rather than heels over head on a bouncy rubber airbag. I spent a happy 15 minutes transferring my affections between Inha Bubokova. of Ukraine, and Niki Bakogianni, of Greece — and

back again.

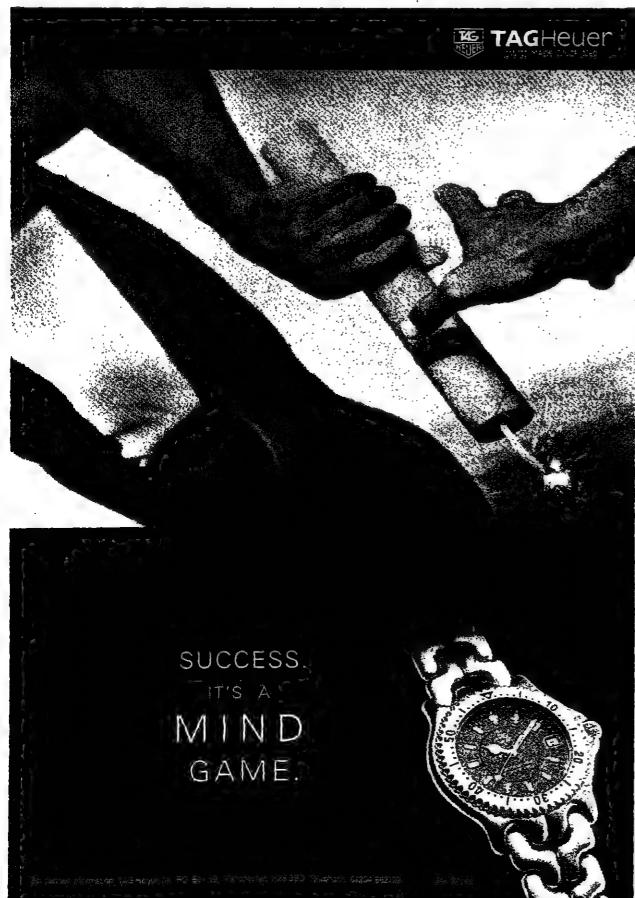
Talking of sex (in the gender sense, of course) it is about time that the 8BC — so perfectionist when it comes to the rights and wrongs of pronunciation - comes up with a definitive ruling on what male commentators call female athletes. Paul Dickenson had a bit of think about it as the high jumpers cantered towards him on Sunday morning ... and came up with "performers — especially to-wards the latter stages". I'm still not sure what that means.

But it can be added to the "little girls" that Barry Davies used for female gymnasts under five feet in height: to the girls, I mean women" of Nigel Starmer-Smith whenever he remembered Cathy Harris was alongside him at the hockey, and to "the ladies" that Andy Jameson insisted

Olympic swimming pool. Let's have a little consistency please. Talking of sexism (which, of course, we also were) the

miracle is that the Games could have been much worse especially if everyone had followed the example set at the beginning by Lynam and a cheerfully colluding Sharron Davies. The bronze medal for showing maximum restraint despite considerable provocation goes to Stuart Storey ... for not swooning at the sight of Brigita Bukovec, of Slovenia, in the women's 100 metre hurdles. The silver medal goes to Douggie Donnelly ... for his commendable restraint during the entire beach volleyball competition. And the gold

The gold medal goes to Hugh Porter for this contribution during the final stages of the women's mountain-biking last week. It was a hot Atlanta day, cycling suits had been unzipped, singlets llapped and modesty was preserved — until Paulo Pezzo decided that her gold medal would arrive a little quicker if she crouched over the handle-bars. "Certainly been an emphatic display of display of ... Porter faltered. "confidence." Cer-



Holland's nearly-men fulfil dream at last

FROM SYDNEY FRISKIN

HOLLAND'S long-held dream of winning the men's Olympic hockey gold medal was realised late on Friday night with a 3-1 victory over Spain in the final.
At the 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam, Holland were runners-up to India and again at Helsinki in 1952. They had

also won three bronze medals.

Spain, who had qualified for the final with victories over Germany and Paki-stan, played better hockey than Holland with delicate touches and superb control, but the second half proved again how lethal the short corner, more popularly

known as the penalty corner, can be. Victor Pujol had put Spain ahead in

the 45th minute but, as in the 1990 World Cup final against Pakistan. Floris
Bovelander transformed the match by
converting two short corners. Holland
added a third goal towards the end.
Holland played constructive hockey.
Their stoody building in midfield and

Their steady build-up in midfield and quick burst from the 25-yard line posed many a threat. Bovelander, who had been overshadowed by Taco van den Honert, the wing forward, reserved his ammunition for the right moment and between the 52nd and 55th minutes, he put his side on the road to victory.

Gregory Nicol and van den Honert were the tourrament's joint top scorers with seven goals, Holland having scored

open play. Calum Giles, the Great Britain short-corner specialist, scored six. Short corners also dominated the bronze medal play-off in which Australia scored all three goals from these awards to beat Germany 3-2 in a tight finish. The first of Germany's goals was also scored

from a short corner.

From Saturday, the offside rule was abolished in order to provide more scope for goals from open play. However, Cedric de Souza, the India coach, is sceptical. "What we are about to see is a sequence of hard hitting from one end of the field to the other and the midfield

area will be empty," he said.
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Dream Team becomes a nightmare

They do their dreaming differently over here. Back on the far side of the Atlantic, on those misty islands off the coast of Europe. dreaming is a matter of wild and misty mystery, and the great dreamers have more than a hint of madness about them: Lewis Carroll, James

If we, the people of the islands, call someone a dreamer, or a dreamy fellow, we mean he is feckless, daft. y impractical, out of touch with

But in the United States, a dream is a very practical matter indeed. In some cases, it is nothing less than a business proposition. "Stay cool," Flo-Jo cooed to me when I asked her the secret of success. "Stay cool and follow your dream.

When Martin Luther King, late of this parish, said that he had a dream, he did not mean he had a fantasy. He spoke as a practical politician of the civil rights movement: a man who believed that changing the face of America was a realisable proposition.

The notion of the dream is part of the heartbeat of America: the culture of aspiration. And for the people of the United States, the Olympic Games are the dramatisation of the concept of the dream.

That is to say, achievement, reaching a goal. The struggle is only interesting in retrospect, as the route-mapping of success. Gallant failure is an oxymoron; the silver medal goes to the first loser. The urgent, almost neurotic need for success has been the keynote of these Games, so far as the people of the United States are concerned.

And so the Dream Team. This was a concept that enraptured America during the Olympic Games of Barcelona. four years ago. The rest of us were, at best, equivocal about these multi-millionaire basketballers strutting about in the Olympic Games; but you could hardly blame Amerca for loving it. It was a schoolboy fantasy come to life; they really did select the World

Team to play Mars. Unfortunately, Mars did not send a team, and so the first Dreamers beat up on mighty nations like Angola and Lithuania. It went down a SIMON BARNES

Atlanta sketch

storm back home, and so did Dream Team II, which won the world championships two years later. But now to Dream Team III, and America has grown rather weary of it all.

It is a reassuringly grownup reaction. The Dream Team went into the Games with the announcement that one of their number, Shaquille O'Neal, would receive \$120 million (about £80 million) for playing basketball for seven years. That is practically the gross national product of some

'The darlings of Barcelona are a symbol of the Ugly American'

of the Dream Team's opponents and America, to its credit, squirmed.

There is a phrase which makes Americans go all sensitive the Ugly American. It is a stick with which they regular-ly beat themselves. The Ugly American is a creature frequently to be found abroad: loud, hectoring and eaten up with self-importance. At the Olympic Games on American soil, the subject of fierce and justified criticism from the rest of the world, the Dream Team and the darlings of Barcelona have become a symbol of the Ugly American. A colossal embarrassment, nothing less.

The players themselves felt it, shuffling to the final without extending themselves or enjoying themselves. The othlonger had stars in their eyes at the glory of being on the

spoil and frustrate, At last to the final, when the United States played Yugoslavia. The game was all right, as it happened. Yugoslavia actually led for most of the first half, and there was still only one point in it with 14 minutes left. After that the Dreamers, forced to play, forced to struggle, forced to fight - quite literally, in one spat - finally found their rhythm and pulled away to win 95-69.

Which dreamt it? That is the eternal question of Alice. Who, in the final analysis, was dreaming? Not the Dream Team. They had a practical task to do, and they performed it. This was not dreaming in a European sense. For us, they were the Reality Team.

American dominance is a reality in politics, economics and popular culture. "McDonald's: proud sponsors of dreams come true". It is the pretenders that are dreaming. The Yugoslav basketballers all of us. in basketball, at least, the struggles are closer and

if you cannot beat America, you can join it. That is why, once again, sport's powerbrokers, in a dream of dollars, voted to hold a major sporting event in the United States. And this time, it has all turned out to be rather embarrassing: for America and for the world. The Dream Team summarises that embarrassment.

That has been their function here and it has been a very useful one. They have, in effect, told America and the world to look elsewhere for the truth, for the real joys of the Olympic Games. For the fact is that, apart from the Dreamers and the pathetic organisation, these Olympics have been wonderful. And me, well, I have had the best seven days of sport I can remember. Saturday: the 100 metres

and Bailey's demented victory. Sunday: the mad intensity of the high jump competition. Monday: Nemov's routine on the high bar in the men's gymnastics. Tuesday: the roaring theatrics of superheavyweight weightlifting. Wednesday: the gorgeous prediver, Fu Mingxia. Thursday:



The Dream Team won the tournament but are no longer the golden boys

If anything represented the best of America's response to

the Games It was this: an

the impossible running of Michael Johnson; the man in the golden shoes. And all topped off with (forgive a horseman's maunderings) the glories of dres-

understanding that the Olympics are not about the Dream Team's ritual victories, but sage. Esoteric: but there were about the struggle of the best 30,000 people there cheering. I against the best. wonder how many of them Games, and so, in a different knew a passage from a piaffe.

Britain had a dreadful

way, did the United States. But ultimately, the Games are about the realities of athletes, not the dreams of nations. I felt my spirits rise to a Russian gymnast, a Chinese diver, a British oarsman, a German horse, and, especially, an American runner, Such stuff as truths are made on.

Billy Payne, the values which would lead to the fulfilment of Atlanta's

Olympic vision had been set down in

the kitchen and living-room of 50i Auburn Avenue. Without the sem-

blance of "unity in diversity", as the

city slogan boasts, Atlanta would not

have been able to win the heads, let

alone the hearts, of the International

Olympic Committee. Sadly, few of the Olympic dollars

being blown around Atlanta seem to

have fallen onto the pavements of

Auburn Avenue. Only at its western

end, at the crossroads with Peachtree

Street, just past the mural which

depicts the newspaper accounts of white riots against blacks in 1909, does the tone of the neighbourhood

The rest could do with a facelift, as

King would no doubt have reflected

had he been alive to see Atlanta's other dream come true. The house

next door to King's birthplace is

peeling and faded, unoccupied and

plastered with posters warning that

When the circus has left town and

the costs, including two deaths.

counted, the organisers might reflect

that too much was done in the name

of commerce, too little in the name of

history. Forget minor inconveniences

such as missing buses and incompe-

tent officials, these Games have

violators will be prosecuted".

change for the wealthier.

Britain's best just not good enough to lift gloom

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR

ANY lingering hope of a showjumping medal to com-pensate for Great Britain's disastrous showing in the Olympic equestrian events here vanished yesterday when - despite a last-minute rush to Mass by Ronnie Massarella, the team manager - the three Britons in the individual final all incurred four faults in the opening round.

Nick Skelton, Whitaker and Geoff Billington did not jump badly, it was simply that others jumped better. Ten riders completed clear rounds over the 12-fence course, leaving the 15 on four faults with no realistic chance of a medal. "If I rode it again I wouldn't do anything differ-ent," Billington said. "You can't blame the going or the course - it was just bad luck."

The competition had looked wide open at the start of the day. The two main protagonists were absent; Ludger Beerbaum, the defending champion from Germany. whose mare, Ratina, sus-tained a leg injury in Thursday's team event, and his compatriot Franke Sloothaak, the world champion, who failed to qualify.

Linda Allen, already acclaimed for her imaginative course for the team event. produced another inspired track that relied on technical questions rather than huge fences. Heavy early morning rain, though, had made the going soggy with puddles lying on the sand arena and, because of the conditions, the time allowed for the competition was extended - too generously as it transpired.

Skelton, drawn second, was faultless over the first half but. just he looked set to compensate for his poor showing in the team event, his mare, Showtime, faulted at the penultimate fence, the 14st 10inwide water jump, just as she had done in both rounds on Thursday. With frustrating consistency, Whitaker, on Welham, also made the same mistake as on Thursday, incurring four faults at the last fence. "He was jumping well. I don't know why Whitaker said

Billington, who has put every ounce of effort into his performance here, incurred his four faults at fence eight, The Bixby Bridge Liverpool. He thought It's Otto may have just lost concentration after the 30,000-strong crowd had burst out clapping when he jumped clear through the previous fence, the difficult New

Orleans Triple Combination. Meanwhile, Germany, despite the loss of their two best riders, produced the first clear round through Lars Nieberg, on For Pleasure. This was swiftly followed by a second from the European champion, Peter Charles, of Ireland, on Beneton. With a further eight faultless rounds joining those on four faults in the second and final round it looked as if Allen's aim — for the medals to be decided in a jump-off — would be fulfilled.

Germany continued their domination of the dressage contest when Isabell Werth, on Gigolo, added the individual gold medal to their world and European titles after a sparkling performance in Sat-urday's final round, the Freestyle to Music.

Anky van Grunsven, of Holland, on Bonfire, who had been in the lead after the second round, had to settle for the silver medal after making untypical mistakes in her new musical programme. Her compatriot Sven Rothen-berger, on Weyden, who formerly rode for Germany, took the bronze.

Cubans take double in ring

FELIX SAVON and Ariel Hernandez gave Cuba its first boxing golds of the Olympics on Saturday by retaining the titles they won four years ago. Savon, a five-times

world champion, who is unbeaten internationally in ten years, beat Nigerian-born Canadian David Defiagbon 20-2 in the heavyweight contest.
"He's the greatest." said

Defiagbon, who said his coaches had detected a weakness in Savon's technique that they had hoped would allow him to crack the Cuban's defence. If there was a weakness, it was not apparent.

Middleweight Hernandez, also a world champion and rated pound-for-pound the best amateur in the world, beat Malik Beylerogiu, from Turkey, 11-3 in a less excit-

Two other Cubans - out of a total seven finalists settled for silver, beaten by the Hungarian bantamweight, Istvan Kovacs, and the Russian welterweight, Oleg Saitov.

Kovaes, a former world champion, said he might now turn professional after beating Arnaldo Mesa



14-7. Saitov beat Juan Hernandez, a silver medalwinner in 1992 and no relation to Ariel, in a composed 14-9 win.

Athletics: A day after winning her last Olympic medal, Jackie Joyner-Kersee talked a future that may include basketball. Joyner-Kersee is toying with the idea of playing in one of the new US professional women's leagues.

Call to women

Boxing: Amateur boxing organisers are studying plans to have women fighters in the Olympics by the year 2004. Women could save the sport," the International Amateur Boxing Association president. Anwar Chowdhry, said on Saturday.

Nigeria joy

Football: Nigeria became the first African team to win the Olympic tournament when they scored a controversial, late goal to beat Argentina 3-2 in the final on Saturday. Nigeria's military government declared today a public holiday to celebrate.

Ali's medal

Boxing: Muhammad Ali has been presented with an Olympic gold medal to replace the one he threw into a river in disgust after returning from the 1960 Games in Rome.

Atlanta site that continues to inspire all races

Thugwane would just have had time to break stride as he ran past No 501 Auburn Avenue on his road to history and still become the first black man to win gold for South Africa. But, with another 22 miles to go, he probably had more important things on his mind than the imposing brown-and-white weatherboarded house, with a swing on the porch and petunias in the front garden, in which Martin Luther King

was born in 1928. Nor, I doubt, would he have been aware of the other milestones marking his route. The Martin Luther King Junior centre for non-violent social change, the bronze sculpture of King inspired by the African ritual of lifting a new born child to the heavens and reciting the words: "behold the only thing greater than yourself"; the Ebenezer baptist church where King's father had been the pastor and his mother the musical director and the Odd Fellow building where a black philanthropist, Benjamin J.Davis, set up offices for talented young lawyers and

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businessmen in the 1920s. A book recently published called Where Auburn Avenue meets Peachtree Street documents the often stormy relationship between the black and white business communities in Atlanta. Fittingly enough, Thugwane ran along both on his way

King's birthplace to watch the marathon runners pass. It was, after all, barely breakfast time on Sunday. There was me, a Japanese photogra-

Andrew Longmore watches the first black man to win gold for South Africa fittingly pass the birthplace of Martin Luther King in winning the marathon

pher, Rhona, a policewoman from Chicago, and her husband Rick wearing an "I have dream ..."

T-shirt and a jazzy baseball hat, three Atlanta law enforcement officers policemen to you and me - and Con Egan, who had seen King's house in the background while watching the women's marathon during the week. "I thought then I had to come and watch it from here," he said. "It just

seems right." Most of them shared a sense of suffering with the runners. Rick had proposed to Rhona in front of Cinderella's castle at the eight-mile mark on the Disney marathon 212 years before, so this was a trip down memory lane. "I was too out of breath to say yes," Rhona said. But they were married anyway. They saved their loudest and longest burst of applause for the last man through.

Opposite, on the corner of Hogue Street, just in front of the concrete slab where the local dime store used to be, a crew from Two Televisions Limited brought the world a rare glimpse of Atlanta's true contribution to history. Well before the first brick was laid for the Coca-Cola building, the first transmission aerial erected on CNN Tower or the first hazy image had flitted through the mind of



searched in vain to find dignity and soul. It took a black mineworker from Cape Town two hours, 12 minutes to gold.

Only a select few gathered outside and 36 seconds to show us where those precious qualities can be found, not in the hawkers' paradise of Centennial Park but in the fading photos of 501 Auburn Avenue. The marathon passes the weatherboarded house where the American civil rights leader was born

"HOG THE FAST LANE" "Is your company on Mercury's fast data network?"

Boardman plans finest hour to follow bronze

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE IN ATLANTA

NOT satisfied with finishing the Tour de France for the first time and adding a bronze medal in the individual timetrial to his gold from Barcelona, Chris Boardman could mount a challenge for the hour record, the ultimate test of endurance, over the next

Boardman held the record two years ago, before Tony Rominger, of Switzerland, in a leap of Bob Beamon propor-tions, put it almost out of sight with an average speed of just under 55.3 kilometres per

"Gold would have salvaged my year after a disappointing Tour." Boardman said after finishing 31 seconds behind the gold medal-winner, Miguel Indurain, of Spain. "But two things now haven't gone well and I still want to get something out of the year."

Ever thorough, Boardman has already tested himself over 20 minutes to see if the target was realistic. "I averaged 55kph, which suggests I am within shouting distance of the record at least. But it requires a lot of organisation and I'll have to do a lot more research to see if I'm physical-

ly capable of doing it." A successful attack on the hour would raise Boardman's standing in France, home of his sponsors. Gan, after his hopes of finishing in the top 20 of the Tour had been left battered and bruised on the slopes of the Alps. On the Continent, the hour record is regarded as second only to victory in the Tour in terms of prestige. But the fact that Boardman is turning his mind to the hour and to the next Olympic Games, in Sydney,

win a second gold, suggests that his long-term aim of winning the Tour is receding fast, "It's a dot in the distance, not completely out of sight."

Oppressive heat and the relentless determination of the Spaniards, Indurain and Abraham Olano, the silver medal-winner, stifled Boardman's early charge for a second gold medal on Saturday. Eighteen seconds ahead of Indurain after the first of the four 12km lans, Boardman threw off his helmet as he crossed the finishing line for



Indurain: end of the road?

the start of the second lap, a sign that the humidity was beginning to take its toll. "I overcooked the first lap that's a good word - but I was feeling so fresh," Boardman said. "I had to back off for the next two because I feared I

might get heatstroke." Indurain had cut the lead to the career of cycling's greatest champion to a golden end. Rumours that the big Navarran will announce his retirement soon are growing stronger by the day. Now that he has a gold medal to put into his collection of five straight victories in the Tour de France, there can be little else to aim for. Miguel Jr, not yet one, sat happily on his mother's knee at the back of a chaotic victory press confer-ence, a reminder that his life is

no longer all cycling.

"At the moment it is not clear whether I will be riding the Tour next year," Indurain said. "I will keep in training, see how it feels and then decide what will happen." It was hardly an emphatic commitment, but who knows how deep the waters run in Indurain's gentle mind? A winter on his farm near Pamplona might yet recharge the patteries and render Boardman's claim that the Spaniard is about to retire no more than wishful thinking.
Yet if that was the last we

shall see of the Spaniard, it was a fitting epitaph. Time-trials had always been the basis of his invincibility on the Tour. On the undulating streets of suburban Atlanta. Indurain was back in his element, riding with the reientless rhythm and the halfsmile which characterised his days of dominance. The memory of the fortom figure toiling up the final three kilometres to Les Arcs, a champion no more, receded into the

"He's such a superb athlete get angry enough with him to



Boardman, who was troubled by the humidity, on the way to a bronze medal

three seconds by halfway and and he wanted to win this," took it soon afterwards, resist-Boardman said. "But the real ing a final challenge from problem is that he's a really Olano to win by 12 seconds nice bloke as well. You can't where he says there will be "no

FROM PETER BRYAN

DOUG DAILEY, the national coach responsible for Great Britain's Olympic cycling team, will have spent much of the ten hours' flying time from improve the track squad's prospects in time for the world

He needs to find the answers quickly; less than a month remains in which to

IT HAS been a good Games

for British sailing. In the end

the team came away with two

silver medals but it was so

close to another bronze, which slipped away on the last day of

competition. Had Andy Bezdsworth, Barry Parkin and Adrian Stead been on

their usual form in the Soling match-racing, we would be able to write about one of

Britain's best ever

nothing to be ashamed of in Savannah. Only Brazil, with

two golds and a silver, won

more medals than Britain.

Britain was among six coun-

tries with two medals, while

no less than 15 other countries

came away with just one.

Britain was a serious player in

five classes and could so easily

have gone on to win medals in

The team showed strength in depth and banished the

ghosts of Barcelona where it

had to make do with a solitary

bronze, for Lawrie Smith in

tips for medals. Ben Ainslie, in the Lasers, and John Merricks

and Ian Walker, in the 470s,

both came through. Ainslie is now already well on the way to

becoming the next big star in British yacht racing and his thrilling battle with Robert Scheidt, of Brazil, captured the

public imagination in a way

yacht racing has rarely done

Merricks and Walker were

not on their best form, but

again showed their class by

being able to grind out a

result, while carrying three or four poor finishes which

would have been enough to

sink others with less lighting

spirit and self-belief. Like

Ainslie, who is just 19, they are

young and represent a good

Of the others, Beadsworth's

investment for the future.

This time the two hottest

Nevertheless, there was

performances.

all of them.

Britain basks in

silver afterglow

FROM EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

line-up that failed not only to win a medal but performed below the standards achieved

'My thinking is that there will have to be some changes," Dailey said before leaving the that he also wanted to prepare a revised training schedule for his short-listed riders.

Dailey has had one problem area - the 4,000 metres individual pursuit - already resolved for him. Chris Boardmake changes to an Olympic man, who won the bronze

near miss was the least pre-

dictable. He has sailed with increasing authority in the Solings and came to Savan-

nah fired-up after winning at

Hilton Head a few weeks

earlier. In the event he did not sail to his true potential after looking very comfortable in the fleet. Medals in Solings,

though, are not often won at the first attempt and Beadsworth may have

another go in Sydney.
Some may say that two

medals are not enough. How-

ever, the spread of countries

indicates that the sailing

world is broadening dramati-

cally with top-class perform-

ers emerging in nations not associated with Olympic suc-

cess in the past. Spain, which

won five medals in Barcelona.

including four golds, had to

make do with two golds this

had a difficult time in home

waters, notching up two

bronzes in comparison with its

manager, was clearly disap-pointed to see Beadsworth's

chance slip away, but general-

ly he was satisfied with the

results of the best-funded and

organised Olympic campaign ever mounted by the Royal

Yachting Association. "I think

we've done a good job. I think the preparation and support that the sailors had, has built a

platform from which medals could be won," he said. Carr added that he did not

believe the decision to go for

early selection this time — last August instead of early sum-

mer this year - made that

much difference to the out-

come. "I don't think it's an

issue. We've had the right

people in all the classes, with

two different systems at the

last two Games. I have to say I

favour the early system but I

don't think it's had a material

nine medals in Barcelona. Rod Carr, the British team

time, while the United States

medal in the 52 kilometres individual road time-trial on Saturday, confirmed after a superb ride that he is ready to be drafted into the track

There will be no quibbles with that. When Boardmar commits himself, he generally delivers. He won the pursuit at the Barcelona Games, finished third to Graeme Obree in the 1993 world championship, and became world pursuit champion the follow-

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Men's 500m Canadian pairs

YESTERDAY IN ATLANTA

It might well be Boardman to the rescue again in a revised peraposition of the 4,000 metres pursuit squad, that is also due for change.

Boardman rarely involves himself in controversy but. tioned the wisdom of using a technically difficult circuit which, as he had correctly forecast, became dangerous in places when a downpour gave the road a surface like a skidpan. He still carries both the physical and mental scars

Men's 500m kayak singles

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of his crash in the rain-soaked prologue to the Tour de France Miguel Indurain, after his

disappointing Tour de France, reinstated himself as the master time-trial rider in Atlanta. kilometre laps 18 seconds adrift of Boardman, but had narrowed the gap to three seconds by the end of lap two. The Briton had lost the lead on the third circuit and Indurain took the bell 12 seconds ahead. On the final lan, the Span-

Dailey ready to ring changes in pursuit of success iard pushed further ahead and compatriot, Abraham Olano, climbed to second place with Indurain winning the first Olympic "open" time trial in the 4min 5sec, an

average speed of 48.87kph. ish time-trial champion, never got to grips with the demand-ing circuit and finished fourteenth in the women's 26 kilometres event, won by Zulfia Zabirova, of Russia, who had finished sixth in the women's road race.

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Men's play-offs Uganda 0 0 1 BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Span 27 France 25

Black, Thomas, Richardson and Baulch show off the silver medals won in the Olympic 4 x 400 metres relay on Saturday

Agassi shows his mettle in crushing win

FROM DAVID MILLER

SOME commentators, and a few players who stayed away. dismissed the Olympic tennis tournament as an irrelevance alongside the professional circuit. Andre Agassi was so motivated by the desire to win for his country that he produced a truly devastating display to crush Sergi Bruguera. of Spain, in straight sets in the men's singles final. Bruguera, twice the French Open champion, did not capitulate, he was pounded into submission

Anyone who did not witness Agassi's systematic destruction of his opponent's game might suppose that Bruguera had perhaps thrown in the towel beneath a sapping sun once he had lost his service twice in the opening set. Not so. He fought as best he could, until, at 1-4 down in the third set, he at last gave signs that Agassi's control and groundstroke power had drained him of resistance.

Against all predictions, against all the evidence this season of premature elimina-tion in the French Open and at vival in the first round here against Jonas Bjorkman, of Sweden. Agassi suddenly touched his peak. His talent burst forth from a shell that had become crusty and eroded by professional neglect. It was, perhaps, his best performance since losing the final of last year's US Open to Pete Sampras, and bodes well for this year's US Open in New York in three weeks.

When he broke Bruguera's service for 2-1 in the first set. the strength unleashed by his forehand left Bruguera groping. When he broke again for taking the ball unbelievably early on return of service. he seemed literally to be dancing at the back of the court. Never mind that Bruguera nowadays is ranked in the 60s, it was one of the most extraordinary transformations in form I have seen in

"The way I was playing today," Agassi said, "I didn't care who was the other side of the net. I ran for every ball. This level is the way I can

play, and that I'm used to if I get my work ethic in the place should be. I'm back to feeling it doesn't matter who I'm playing. I like that."
It was difficult to estimate

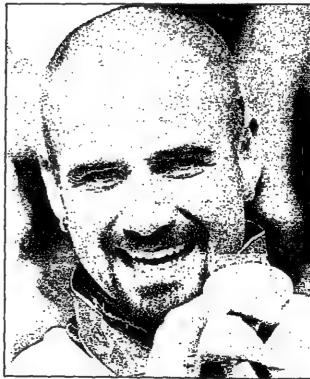
accurately the depth of sincerity of this multi-millionaire son of an Iranian immigrant, himself twice an Olympic boxer, when he said that winning the gold medal was "quite amazing, the greatest accomplishment I've had in

And Wimbledon? A grand slam title was the biggest in tennis, he reflected, but this was an event that was the biggest in all of sport, a oncein-a-lifetime experience. Hearing the anthem was also "the greatest accomplishment", and the emotion of playing for his country had "motivated me". Yet he seemed irritated to be reminded that he has not always chosen to answer the call of his country in the Davis

He did appear genuinely moved by the playing of the Stars and Stripes, but whatever his innermost thoughts, his play had been exceptional, dispelling any recollection he might have had that he should have been expelled from the tournament for observity in his quarter-final match against Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa.

The game in which he broke Bruguera to take the second set was particularly memorable: a scrambling backhand to retrieve a rally followed by a smash to put Bruguera 15-30; an exquisite drop shot that had the gleeful crowd gasping with surprise for 15-40; and a blistering forehand pass to conclude another raily. A running forehand hit down the line, worthy of Boris Becker, gave him the third set break for 3-1, and it was all over.

When beating Fernando Meligeni, of Brazil, to take the bronze medal, Leander Paes gained India's first medal since their men's hockey team won in Moscow 16 years ago. and the first individual medal since a wrestling bronze in 1952. Paes's father had won a silver medal with the India hockey team in 1972.



Agassi proudly clutches the gold medal after his victory

German technology shunts Trains aside

By CRAIG LORD THE Train brothers, Stephen

and Andrew, were not alone in finding themselves up Lake Lanier without the right paddle - or canoe - in a cloudcovered contest in which eight nations were given a Teutonic and technological trouncing. Andreas Dittmer and Gunar Kirchbach, of Germany, had finished third in the Canadian Pairs (C2) 1,000 metres at the world championships in Duisburg last August. At the weekend. they became Olympic champions, their victory sparked by the advantages of a new boat

design that reduces resistance From the start, it looked as though the world champions, Gyorgy Kolonic and Csaba Horvath, of Hungary, and the Romanians, Marcel Glavan and Antonel Borsan — who were seened in Duisberg would repeat their 1995 re-sults. They led from the start, with the Trains following close behind and the Germans last of the nine finalists at

250metres. Dittmer and Kirchback had recovered to fourth by halfway and set up the momen-tum for a devastating and decisive surge that took them from 1.73sec down on the Romanians at the three-

quarter markers to almost half a second ahead by the time they crossed the bubbleline finish in 3min 31.87 sec, the fastest in Olympic history. Romania held on for the silver medal 0.2sec behind. with the Trains, who clocked the fastest third-quarter 250 metres in the race before fading badly, 4.8sec behind the winners in sixth.

The Germans introduced their new boat design for the Games at Lake Lanier, 55 miles north of Atlanta. Their revolutionary canoe is swept low in the stern, with wings just wide enough to meet international specifications (several protests failed). The boat is narrower than usual where the paddler is kneeling, which makes it easier for each stroke to be more parallel to the boat's direction movement.

The boats are designed to reduce the percentage of the bout in the water and are said to have a special advantage if there is a cross wind. The weekend weather left that latter theory untested at Lake Lanier. "We believe this design has helped reduce our time by I.osec," Dirk Boehme, an engineer at the research group which developed the

Olympic spirit survives Atlanta

is mettle ushing win

tennial Games, the last meeting was held between ACOG, the host organisers, and the co-ordination commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), chaired by Richard Pound, a Canadian tax lawyer. Francois Carrard, the IOC director general, asked ACOG to test their IBM communications and information system.

Unnecessary, ACOG replied, over-confidently. "We're not buffoons". Was this not the world's technologically most advanced na-tion? Carrard insisted nonetheless that the request be recorded in the minutes. Within 24 hours of the Games opening 16 days ago. ACOG was floundering in communications chaos.

The city that had won the Games by an audacious confidence-trick led by Billy Payne, a hustling property lawyer, had been embarrassingly found out. Seoul and Barcelona staged memorable Games that helped to develop and regenerate their cities for public benefit. Atlanta, as the New York Times said yesterday, merely had gold-rush fever.

Payne promised the city it would not have to spend a dollar. The consequent private sector cost-cutting administration and broken promises endangered the South's reputation for hospitality, which has been upheld only by willing, largely uninformed and overworked volunteers, many of whom have been treated as shabbily as officials, the media and some athletes. We never found the soul of Atlanta, unless it was the ragged street vendors.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, was critical of the appalling accreditation system at the airport, delaying some competitors for hours after day-long journeys; of the disfunctional transport; of the length of the athletes' parade at the opening ceremony.

"What has been great is the sport and the spectators, incredible numbers," Samaranch said, "but from the experience we've had, we know that the organisation must be made in conjunction with government

To ACOG's credit, they have it's risky, Pound said. The rush to handled 8.5 million ticket-holders, secure the NBC contract up front



Potapovitch, of Kazakhstan, sails over the pole vault bar, silhouetted against the Atlanta sky. His efforts failed to secure him a medal, though, as he finished in fourth. Photograph: Mike Hewitt/Allsport

Pound, the IOC's financial negotlator, believes that the host city must carry some of the financial responsibility for providing venues, as did Montreal, Seoul and Barce lona. Atlanta paid for venues out of operational budget. "It is possible to raise \$1.7 billion privately, but

probably left \$100 million on the table. The public sector should commit a minimum percentage.

When we decide the city for 2004 we'll take the organising committee/host city equation into account. We'll be careful not to it any mistake [again]."

Payne would never receive the "greatest Games" acclaim for which he yearned. Within days, ACOG had become the joke acro-

nym: Atlanta Can't Organise Games. The arrogance behind many failures was apparent in the original intention, vetoed by the IOC. for the Olympic flag to be carried into the opening ceremony by members of Payne's c with no athletes. Payne had promised an international conception for the centenary: what we got, here in Atlanta as opposed to television's

slick projection, was bare-faced commercial expediency.
Yes, the Games were great, between the starting line and the finishing line of events. Atlanta provided exemplary venues, yet inside these, the effective administration was run primarily by each international sports federation, not the hosts. The peripheral condi-tions were at times chaotic andimproved only marginally. The deficiences were at source budgetary. ACOG had been unwilling, or unable, to pay and train the middle management that makes things work in the field.

The observing Sydney committee has departed. warned and alarmed, conscious how a Games can threaten a city's reputation as well as enhance it. William Hartsfield, the former mayor after whom the world's second-busiest airport is named, once said that racially divided Atlanta "was too busy to hate". He might have said, like many Americans, too busy to understand foreigners. In conjunction with NBC's overwhelmingly chauvinistic coverage, the Games vere made to seem to be the United States v Rest of the World, the public left almost unaware that foreign nations were also competing against each other. NBC managed not to show the 1,500 metres swimming event. No Americans were competing.

Huge though they have become, however, the Games will survive. Cities crave the opportunity to be hosts. The images and the emotions of the past two weeks have been as intense and enthralling, as symbolic of life's lottery, as ever. There is so much to remember: the dignity of trembling Mohammad Ali lighting the flame, and then receiving on Saturday a replica from Sam-aranch of the 1960 boxing medal he had flung away in disgust over his Vietnam conscientious objection: the four consecutive Games gold medals of Carl Lewis and Steven edgrave; Pu Mingzia's imperishable elegance on the diving board; the first medal for a South African black by Hezekiel Sepeng; the first individual medal in 44 years for India, the world's second-most populous country, when Leander Paes gained the tennis bronze; Michael Johnson's magical speed; Gillian Rolton, of Australia, falling from her horse in the three-day event, and continuing despite breaking her collarbone and three ribs, to help to win the title.

Whether we run, watch or write. the spirit of the Games remains as strong as ever.



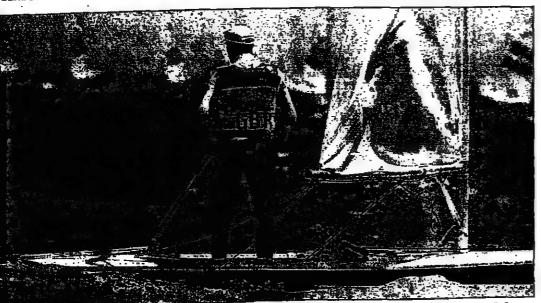
For Henman, left, and Broad, striking silver in the men's tennis doubles was an achievement to treasure



Chemerkin celebrates victory



Fu Mingxia leaps to gold in the three-metre springboard diving



Ainslie is a spectator after the disqualification which cost him a chance of the gold medal



An injured Gunnell is helped from the track



China's synchronised swimmers take the plunge



DAVID MILLER Injured Powell's brave bid for a long jump medal ends in agony Zenovka falls, Parygin wins



Big guns keep powder dry during phoney war

ians, count for less than zero. Alex Ferguson and Frank Clark, managers, respectively, of the Manchester United and Nottingham Forest teams eliminated from the Umbro Cup on Saturday.

would certainly agree.

"It's pre-season, isn't it?" Ferguson muttered, after his team had lost 2-1 to Ajax. "It was a real preseason game," Clark said, having seen Forest beaten 4-3 in a penalty shoot out by Chelsea, the product of a goalless draw. Which made you wonder whether the 27,000-odd spectators could sue under the Trade Descriptions Act.

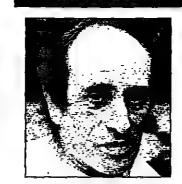
To be fair, Chelsea raised their game vigorously, scoring two fine summer goals, to beat Ajax 2-0 in the final yesterday. Both were elegantly made, in the first half, by Roberto Di Matteo, the first with a through-ball to Dennis Wise, the second with a marvellous curling pass from the left, instantly smacked home by Dan Petrescu.

Things, as Ajax's coach, Louis van Gaal said, might have been different had Kiki Musampa not, untypically, twice failed to get the better of Kharine in one-on-one positions. After the first miss, Chelsea went straight down the

other end to score. Switching his tactics, with four at the back, Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea manager, shrugged off victory as unimportant, but he'd liked what he saw, not least the second half performance by Gianluca Vialli, making a lively debut mostly wide on the right. Twice, he was thwarted by the Dutch goalkeeper, Edwin van der Sar, once at close range, once after an exquisite lob.

Van Gaal stressed that his international players had only two weeks' preparation behind them, which is why his youngsters, after four weeks, had pleased him more. He was especially impressed by Wisc -- "very aggressive, very skilful, he oversees the situation" and, like everyone else, he could hardly fail to be impressed by the authority of the France defender, Franck Le Boeuf.

GLANVILLE



At the Umbro Cup

Yet this tournament was a languid, pre-season affair, one with a galaxy of stars missing. Ajax. of course, have already lost three of theirs definitively. The Bosman decision means that Edgar Davids, the precocious left-sided midfield player, and Michael Reiziger, that powerful right-sided defender, have joined AC Milan, for nothing. Nwankwo Kanu, a hero of the Olympic football tournament with Nigeria, did cost a fee when signed by the other Milanese club. Internazionale, since he's not a native of the European Union, but it meant the loss of one more brilliant young player, still

The Nigeria right-winger, Finidi George, has gone to Spain. Missing, injured, were the winger, Marc Overmars, out for all this year, Jari Litmanen, the redoubtable Finn. Winston Bogarde, the muscular defender, and Patrick Kluivert, another fine 20-year-old striker.

Not that Kluivert could have done much more damage to United's porous defence than the little Zaire-born Musampa, who tormented them throughout. It made you wonder whether it is time Ferguson made permanent use of a sweeper behind those centre-backs. Gary Neville's positioning is oddly

When Musampa got into his threatening stride, pursuing such through-passes, one of three things happened: an offside flag went up, he was brought down with a crude foul, or he went on for an accurate

In the first half, when Richard Witschge, who has made a happy return to Holland after spells in Barcelona and Bordeaux, put him through. Peter Schmeichel's desperate dive kept the ball out for a corner. Later in the first half, when Musampa was brought down, Frank de Boer's left-footed free kick found Peter Schmeichel in one of those distracted moments.

Late in the game, a pass by the substitute, Eli Louhenapessy, breached United's splittable defence again, and that was the winner. Van Gaal, who has come up from coaching the juniors, said he would have used Ronald de Boer up front, but thought him "a better number six".

Playing, that is, wide and deep on the right.

Despite the deprivations of Italian clubs, Van Gaal insists that Ajax will continue with their exhaustive youth scheme. "Not only Aiax, but all the clubs in the Netherlands," he said, employ such youth schemes, "And that is why. despite the population, we are always in the top. So we have to insist in the youth education. despite the Bosman affair."

Dutch journalists murmur that had Ajax been a bit more generous, a bit earlier, they might have kept those players who have left. Meanwhile, the return to the defence of Brazil's World Cup centre back, Marcio Santos, the eventual return of Overmars and the penetrative promise of Musarapa should keep Ajax in contention in Europe.

United had neither of their expensive new foreigners available. Karel Poborsky, the Czech, who will arrive today, and Jordi Cruyff, whose transfer from Barcelona must still be completed, might have

while for an international full back, helped. Jordi should supply some Gary Neville's positioning is oddly of the pace, if not the power, down the right, that has been missing since Andrei Kanchelskis was sold to Everton. Little, long-haired Poborsky, if he can settle down, could give touch and flair to a midfield that lacks it.

Roy Keane can certainly supply the strength, but his persistent indiscipline again threatens to keep him out of too many games. Saturday's referee, David Elleray, might well have shown him a second vellow card, then a red. rather than suggesting he be

Ryan Giggs, of course, will make a massive difference once he is fit. So too Eric Cantona, at full extension. You can see why Ferguson so badly wanted Alan Shearer. As for Chelsea, waiting for Vialli

as they might for Godot, they also

had to do without Gullit. Both of them have been having calf trouble. Charming and polyglot as ever, Gullit explained that, in many ways, he found it more useful to be on the bench, where he could see things no player could see - but Chelsea without him are a car without an engine. They also lacked Duberry, that strong young central defender, who has Achilles

tendon problems.

Di Matteo, their other Italian, pleased Gullit in midfield. "He is in the middle of the spine and he will connect the strikers and defenders with himself. He must be always in the right position and that's what he did here - and if he can do more, I will be delighted." As he doubtless was, with the pass for Wise's goal.

Third place went to United, who, surviving a disallowed goal by Forest's scorer, Campbell, got three of their own in the last six minutes. McClair's, his second of the tournsment, came when the ball deflected him off Cooper. Beckham (United's best pre-season player, Ferguson said) hit a thunderbolt from outside the box. Philip Neville scored after a delightful one-two with Paul Scholes. It was almost



May struggles to contain Musampa, of Ajax, during United's 2-1 defeat at the City Ground

RUGBY LEAGUE: VICTORY MAINTAINS DECLINING CHAMPIONS' OUTSIDE CHANCE OF RETAINING INTEREST IN TITLE RACE

BY CHRISTOPHER INVINE

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EARLIER predictions about an end to the Wigan dynasty were premature because fate remained in their hands, but now the Stones Super League is there for St Helens to lose and even Wigan are starting to admit that the party might be

it was no slip of the tongue by Henry Paul, the scorer of two Wigan tries in a comfortable victory at Bramali Lane on Saturday night, when he said that he hoped St Helens take the title. He was careful to repeat himself: "If they keep the form they're showing. good on them, I hope they do

win it. They show the character you need. We're fighting that, but, maybe, it is too

Although Wigan have staged comebacks before, this time it would take the sort of misfortune that a side blessed with St Helens's luck and selfbelief are surely not about to experience now. Just in case, though, Wigan are poised, ready in their rivals' slipstream, a point behind.

Any post-season inquest by Wigan is bound to focus on the players who have left the club. The young guys have found it quite hard," Paul said. "I never had Dean Bell, Andy Platt or Ellery Hanley around me. That era was gone and then Denis Betts and Phil Clarke, who set the standards. went, and now Martin. What

just got to get back on the

Will Shaun Edwards be the next to go? After missing two matches, Edwards scored one try and created another after

FIXTURES ST HELENS: August 10, Paris Saint-Germen (a); August 18, Shedleid Eugles (h): August 28, Warmington (h). WIGAN: August 2, Leeds (h): August 17, London Broncos (a): August 24, Warr-retton (h)

coming on as a substitute in Sheffield and Jack Robinson, the Wigan chairman, was positive about him staying, but further belt-tightening. savings on big contracts and team reconstruction with a sters would suggest otherwise.

and mesmeric feet, led a compliant Sheffield a merry dance, waltzing in for one try and then adding another, a tango this time, from 60 metres. No player side-steps at speed better than the young New Zealand stand-off half, who was ably served at scrum half by Murdock before the entrance of Edwards.

Lawless's try on half-time had supplied Sheffield with a faint hope, but the hooker was an isolated presence in a faltering attack. Either side of Garcia's touchdown for the home side midway through the second half, Wigan added half a dozen tries to their three in the first half. Most were close to the posts and Farrell

had no bother converting the

Ellison, in Offiah's former left-wing role, was the last tryscorer. When Wigan catch up with their erstwhile teammate, at London on Saturday week, they know they must avenge the point dropped at home to the Broncos in June the one that allowed St Helens to think realistically of the

championship.
Sconers: Shelfield Engles: Thes: Law-lees, Gardis. Goals: Action (2) Wigan: Thes: Paul (2). Robrison, Hauphton, Connolly, Murdock, Edwards, Hall, Ellison Goals: Formel (2). Sott, N Crowther, N Santon, J-M Gardis, D Lawford, N Aston: P Broadbert, J-Lawford, D Lawford, N Aston: P Broadbert, J-Lawford, D Laughton, A Hay, D McAlister, P Carr Substitution: D Turner, I Hughes. D Mycoe. J Datatiogs. Substitutes: K Starrett, S Barrow, R Smyth, S Haugitions.

Referee: S Presiev (Castielord)

Paul ponders end of a glorious era for Wigan Bulls stampede crushes Leeds

Bradford Bulls HY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IN TERMS of points conceded. Leeds suffered their heaviest home defeat vesterday Bradford's ten-try stroll underlined the extent to which the balance of power between these Yorkshire rivals has

shifted towards Odsal. The Bulls have rattled up 110 points in two Super League drubbings of their neighbours. Paul Cook's conversion of the last try by Paul Medley. a fellow former Leeds player, took Bradford past their points tally in a 54-3 win at Headingley in 1945. That remains Leeds's biggest

pulling back to within two points at 16-14. Leeds were remorselessly slapped down. Loughlin scored the first of

his two tries just before the break: Robbie Paul scored a hat-trick in the space of 20

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touchdowns from Paul, Cook, Lowes, McDermott and

in 14 matches since their

April Matthew Elliot, who takes over the coaching reins from the Australia-bound Brian Smith next season, has a great legacy to build on.

McMarania (e), Cook (2)
LESDB: M SH Hitare, M Golden, Is Iso, A
Hughes, S Tupulotu, A Gibbons, G Brown,
N Fozzard, P Harrolley, Barrie McDarmott, G
Marciar, M Morley, M Forensaw Subsc D
Gibbons, L Maher, J Field, M Schultz

BRADFORD BULLS: S Spruce: J Tarnani, M Calland G Baddley, P Cool: R Paul, G Tominson; Bhan McDernet, J Lowes, K Farbank, S Nicide. B Dwyer. S McHamera. Subs: N Graham, P Medley, P Loughlan, J Donougher se: S Cummings (Widnes) ☐ Martin Offiah failed to

score but set up the first try as London Broncos beat Warrington 20-13 yesterday on his first appearance after his transfer from Wigan.

LATE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY RESULTS FROM ATLANTA

Archery

Men's team CKIARTER-FINALS: South Korea to Slove-na 251-249, Australia bi Sweden 253-241; United States bi Ultrama 251-240; Italy bi Finland 252-236 Finland 252-238
SEMI-FINALS: United States or Italy 251-247: South Koras or Australia 249-240
BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: haly (A Parenti, M Frangili, M Bissam) of Australia 248-244.
FINAL: United States (J Hush, B Johnson, White) of South Korea (Jung Yong-ho, Kim Bo-tam, Oh Kyo-moon) 251-249.

Women's team QUARTER-FINALS: South Florea bi Sweden 249-226. Poland bt Ukraine 242-235. Germany bi China 232-231: Turkey bt kazaldislan 247-226

Athletics Men's 1.500 metres

FINAL I., N. Morroel, (Alg.) Smin 35 78sec 2, F. Cachro, (Sci.) 3-35 40 - 3, S. Krokom, (Kon.) 3-36 72; 4, L. Robich, (Ken.) 3-37 39; 5, W. Tanta, (Ken.) 3-37 42; 6, A. Bele, (Scim.) 3-38, 10, R. Askim, (Tum.) 3-38 129; 9, M. Sukoman, (Callarl 3-39, 26; 10, D. Moazonao (Mor) 3-39 55; 11 J. Mayrock, (GB) 3-40 18; 12, H. El Guerrouj (Mor) 3-40 75

Man's 5.000 metres FINAL: 1, V Nlyongabo (Burundi) 13mm 07 95sec, 2 P Bilok (Korn) 13:08 16, 3 Boularni (Mor) 13:08 37; 4, D Baurhann (Ger) 13:08 81 5, T Nyoriki (Keri) 13:12 28, 6, 8 Kermody (LS) 13:12:35; 7, E Aldohra ISp) 13:12 91, 8, B Lehtall (Mor) 13:13:26 Men's 3,000m steeplechase PRIAL: 1, J Keter (Ken) 8 min 07:125ec 2 M Kiptama (Ken) 8 08 33, 3, A Lambruschm (ij) 8-11 28, 4, M Barr (Ken) 8 17:18, 5, M Croghtan (LIS) 8 17 84: 5, S Brand (Ger) 8-18 52, 7, B Boulamir (Mor) 8:23 13, 8, 3 Swoncey (Nor) 8:23-38

Men's 4 x 100 metres relay FINAL: 1, Caruada (R Esrine, G Gibert, B Sunn, D Balley) 37 68sec; 2, United States (J Drummond, T Harden, M Marsh, D Midnell) 38 05 5, 3, Rozal (Arnaldo Silva, R De Silva, E Ribotin, Andre Silva) 38 41 4. Ukraine 38 55, 5, Swedon 38 67 6, Cuba 38 39, Frence did not linish. Ginana interdition

Men's 4 x 400 metres relay PRIMAL: 1 Linted Stares (L. Smith, A. Harrison, O. Mills, A. Maybenki 2min 55,99sec; 2. Groel Britan (I. Thomas). Baulch, M. Richardson, R. Black), 256,60, 3. Janusica (M. McDoneld, R. Martin, G. Haughton, O. Clarkel, 2,59,42; 4. Senegai 300,64, 5, Japan 3:00,76, 6. Poland 3:00,96,7, Baharmas 3:02,71; Kenve did not start.

Men's pole vault

FRAL: 1. J Galfone (Fr) 5 92m; 2. I Trandentov (Rus) 5 92; 3. A Twontehi (Gert 5 92, 4. I Potapowch (Naz) 5,98, 5, P Bochtenyov (Rus) 5,96; 6 D Markov (Belo) 66; 7, I Lobinger (Gert 5,80, 8. L Johnson (US) 5 70

Men's jevelin

Women's 1,500 metres

FinAL 1, 5 Masterkova (Rus) 4min 00 83sec; 2, G Szabo (Rom) 4 01 54, 3, 1 Kesl (Austra) 3,03 02 4, L Pells (Can) 4 03 55, 5, M Crowley (Aus) 4 03 79 6, C Sacramento (Port 4 03 91, 7, L Boricova (Rus) 4 05 90; 8 M Pydz (Por) 4 05 92, 11 k Holmes (GB) 4 07 46. Women's 10,000 metres

FiNAL: 1, F. Riberto (Pot) 31mm 01 63sac, 2, Wang Junda (Chine) 31 02 58, 3, 6 Warm (Eth) 31 06 65, 4, D. Tubi (Eth) 31 10 46; 5, M. Creba (Japan) 31 20,62, 6, 7 Linnupe (Ken) 31 23 22; 7 Y. Nawakarm (Japan) 31,23 23; 8, 1. Negura (Potn) 31 26 46; 11, C. McKomen (Irel 32 00 38

Women's 4 x 100 metres relay PROFILE 1, United States IC Garnes, C Devers I Miller, G Torrence) 41 95sec; 2 Buharnes (E Clarke, C Sturmer, S Fynes, P Dancy 42 114, 3, Jamasca (M Feerman, J Cumbert, N Milchell, M Otteyl 4224, 4, Lusza 4227 5, Nigera 4256, 6, France 4276, 7, Australia 43 70 8 Great Britain (4393)

Women's 4 x 400 metres relay WOMENTS 4 X 400 Miettles Testay
PRINAL: 1, United States (R Stevens, M
Malone, K Graham, J Males) 3mm 20 91sec
2, Nigeria (B Afolabi, F Yusai, C Opara, F
Ogunhoya) 32104 3, Germany (U
Rohlander, L Kisabaha, A Ruscka, B
Feruer) 32114 4 Jamseca 32199 5,
Russia 32222; 6, Cube 3 25,85, 7 Czech
Republic 3 26,99 8, France 3 28,46, Nonqualiflers: Great Britan (P Smith, A Curbishley, D Fraser, G Oladapo) 3,28 (3 in heats.

Women's high jump FINAL: 1 S Kostadinova (Bul) 2 05m, 2: N Bekogrami (Gr) 2:03; 3, 1 Bebakova (Ukr) 2:01; 4, A Bevakootua (II) 199. 5; Gulyayeva (Rus) 199, equal 6 A Actalon (Gar), 7 Moltova (Rus) and N Zimskiene (Int) 196

Women's long jump FINAL: 1, C Ajumea (Najeria) 7 12m; 2, F May (ii) 7 02: 3, J Joyner-Nersee (US) 7 00 4, N Xanthou (Gr) 6 97; 5, 1 Chekhousova (July) 6 97; 8, A Kanzanarek (Pol) 6 90, 7, I Prandzhevo (Bul) 6 82; 8, N Boegman (Aus

Women's shot PRIAL: 1, A Kumbernuss (Ger) 20 56m, 2 Sur Xinmer (Chris) 19 88, 3, 1 Khudonozhlana (Rus) 19 95; 4 V Paviysh (Ukr) 19 30; 5, C Price Smith (US) 19 22; 6,

S Storp (Ger) 19 06, 7, K Neimius (Ger) 18 92: 8, l Korztrameniko (Rus) 18 68, 11, J Oakos (GB) 18 34

Baseball Play-offs

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Unfed States 10 Nicorague 3 FINAL: Cubo 13 Japan 9 Baskethall

Men's play-offs ELEVENTH PLACE: Angola 99 South NINTH PLACE Argentina 67 Puerlo Repo 77. SEVENTH PLACE: Crosha 99 Chris 85

FIFTH PLACE: Greece 91 Brazil 72. ERIONZE MEDIAL MATCH: Liftwing M Australia 74 FINAL United States 95 Yugoslavia 66 Women's play-offs ELEVENTH PLACE: Carooto 58 Zain 46 NRMH PLACE: China ES South Norso 71 SEVENTH PLACE: Japan 81 Italy 69

Semi-finals

FLYWEIGHT: M. Romero (Cuba) bt A. Pakeev (Rus) pts, B. Dzumadsov (Kez) bt 2. Parker (Fus) pits, is usumentely (Raz) to ZLunka (Ger) pits
FEATHERM/BIGHT: S Todorov (Bull, br FMayweather (US) pits: S Kamsing (Thoi) bit FChacon (Ang) pits
Hother (Hart (Both) pits
F Missaou (Turi) pits. H Vinent (Cuba) bit B
Nyazymberov (Raz) pits
LIGHT-HIDD/LEWE/GHT: O Red (US) bit K
Tulaganov (Lizb) pits. A Duvergel (Cuba) bit
E fibration (Raz) pits
LIGHT-HEAVYWE/GHT: V Jirov (Kaz) bit A
Taner (US) pits. Lee Scung-Bao (S Korl bit T
Lilloch (Ger) pits
SUPER-HEAVYWE/GHT: V Klichko (Ukr) bit A
Lectin (Rus) pits. P Wolfgram (Tonga) bit D
Dokwan (Nigena) pits.

Finals LIGHT-FLYWEIGHT: D Bojilov (Bul) by M Volasco (Phyl)pts UGHTWEIGHT: H Soltan (Algi bt T UGHTWEIGHT: H Sotum (Alg) bt T Tonichev (Bul) decision BANTAMWEIGHT: I Kovacs (Hun) bt A Mesa (Cuba) pts WELTERWEIGHT: O Sailov (Rus) bt J Hemandriz (Cuba) pts. MIDDILEWEIGHT: A Hemandez (Cuba) bt M Baylerogiu (Tur) pts HEANYWEIGHT: F Sairon (Cuba) bt Dellagbon (Can) pts

Canoeing Men's 1.000m Canadian singles FINAL: 1, M Doktor (Cz) 3mm 54 41 sac; 2 1 Niemorcyev (Laf) 3,54 95 3, G Zala (Huni

3:56 36; 4, P Schulze (Ger) 3:57 77; 5, P Sykroz (Fr) 3:59 01; 6, V Partner (Rom) 3:59 85

Men's 1,000m Canadian pairs FINAL: 1, Germany A Ditterier and G Ruchbach) 33187, 2, Pomana (A Borsan and M Glevan) 33229, 3, Hungary (C Horvath and G Kolonica) 33251, 4, Bulgana 33438, 5 Moldova 33519, 6 Great Britain (A and S Train) 33689 Men's 1,000m kayak singles

FINAL: 1, K Holmann (Not) 3.25 78, 2, B Bonomi (ii) 3.27 07, 3, C Robinson (Aus) 3.29 71, 4, L Livorital (Ger) 3.30 02, 5, A Calderon (Sp) 3.31.39, 8, A Gajewski (Pol) 3.32 52. Men's 1,000m kayak paira

FRMAL: 1, Italy (A Ross) and D Scarpal 3 09 19, 2, Gormany (K. Bluhm and T Gutschel 3:10 51; 3 Bulgen (M Kazanco and A Duckhoy) 3:11 20; 4, Poland 3 11 26; 5, France 3:11 40; 6, Denmark 3:12 06 Men's 1,000m kayak fours

PINAL: 1. Germany (D Hofmann, O Winter, T Reneck, M Zabel) 2.51 52: 2. Hungary (A Adrawaz, F Capes, G Homath, A Rajna) 253 18: 3. Hussa (S Verlin, O Gordoy, A Tishchenko, G Tsybushukov) 253 99: 4 Poland 2.54 77, 8. Spain 2.55 88: 6. Sweden 2.55 90. Women's 500m kayak fours FRIAL 1, Germany (R Portwich, M Mucke, B Fischer, A Schuck) 1:31 07 2, Switzer-land (D Baumer, S Eichenberger, 1 Haralamow, G Mueller) 1:32 70 3 Sweden (A Andersson, I Ericsson, A Olsson, S Rosenquari 1:32 91; 4, China 1:33 08: 5, Canada 1:33.08, 6 Spain 1:33 57

Cycling

Men's individual time-trial Ment S (ROUNGUE) INTE-UTSI
1, M Induran (Sp) 104/17, 3, C Boardman (GB)
104/35, 4, M Fondhest (B) 1.05/01, 5, I
Romanjer (Switz) 105/05, 6, L Amistone
(US) 106/28, 7, A Zulle (Switz) 106/33, 8, P
Jorder (Aus) 10.65/4, 9, D Baranoweki (Pol)
107/08, 10, M Rich (Ger) 1/07/08, 11, H
Dekkar (Hol) 1.07/08, 12, U Pescrel (Ger)
107/33, 13, L Jelabort (Fr) 1/07/34, 14, B
Rick (Den) 1/07/47 Women's individual time-trial

1. Z Zabrova (Rus) 35mm 40gec, 2, J Longo-Corelli (Fr) 3700; 3, C Hughes (Carl) 37:13, 4, K Warl (Aus.) 37:53, 5, M Chigner (Fr) 38:14, 6, T Vikasedi-Nyman (Fri 38:24; 7) 4 Polikaveckie (Juh) 38:27; 8 I Chappia (t) 38:47, 14 y McGregor (GB) 39:09 Diving

Men's 10-metre platform FBMAL: 1, D Sautin (Ruz.) 692 34pts; 2, J Hempel (Gor) 663.27; 3 Hattang Xiao (China) 683.20; 4, Lung Ten (China) 648 18, 5, V Timoshman (Rus.) 628.59; 6, D Pachler (US) 607 11 7, F Plates (Mex.) 603.03, 8, M Kuehne (Gor) 583.98 Non-qualities; 13, R Morgan (GB) 519.840; 18. L Taylor (GB) 483.570

Equestrianism Individual dressage

PinAL: 1, Wenth (Ser) Gigolo, 235 09bbs, 2. A van Grunoven (Hol), Bonfire, 233 02, 3, 5. Rothenberger (Hol), Weydon, 234 94; 4, M. Theodorescu (Ser), Grunon, 224 56; 5, M. Guson (US), Peron, 222 83; 6, K. Baltenholl (Ser), Goldstern, 221 81, 7, M. Offo-Crepin (Fr), Lucky Lord, 219 80, 8, G. Sendel (US), Grad George, 216 02

Football Men's play-offs BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Brozil 5 Por

FINAL: Nigeria 3 Argentina 2 **Gymnastics** Individual rhythmic

SEMI-FINAL, Heading ten to final) Queli-feets: 1, E Serobnyarskaya (Ukr) 39.332pts, 2, E Vitincherton (Ukr) 39.266, 3, I Bethyrchina Fluc) 39.232; 4, M Petrova (Bul) 38 89; 5, L Louisarenko (Beto) 38 749; 6, 1 Ogrycko (Bato) 38 681, 7, A Zaripova (Rus) 38 664, 8 E Sortano (Fr) 38 615; 9, A Tostado (Sp) 38 448; 10, M Brzeska (Ger) 38 232.

Rhythmic teams FINING REALTIS
FINAL: 1, Spain (M Baido, N Cabanalas, I Gimerez, L Guendez, T Lamaros, I Martinaz) 33 933pts, 2, Bulgarta (I Tarcva, 1 Nevian, I) Delicheva, M Tabalcova, N Koleva, V Vatachka) 38 866, 3, Fussia (I Botofi-fareva, I Daouba, A Jouchkova, C Chtyrenko, E Krivocha, I Ivanova) 38 365, 4 Franco 38 199; 5, Chma 37,999; 6, Belo-russia 37 002.

Handball

Men's play-offs NINTH PLACE: United States 27 Alg-SEVENTH PLACE; Garrierry 23 Switzer fand 16 FIFTH PLACE: Russia 29 Egypt 26 SEMF-FINALS: Sweden 25 Spair Croatia 24 France 20. Women's play-offs BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Hungery 20 Norway 18. FINAL: Deramark 37 South Korea 33.

Hockey Men's play-offs BRONZE MITTON. MATCHE Augumbar Germany 2.

FINAL: Holland 3 Spain 1 Synchronised swimming Team final 1 United States (T Cleland, S Banco, H Passe, E Lesseur, B Dynon-Lancer, J Sudduth, N Schrayder, H Symmons-Carrasco, J Severy, M Thien; 99 720pts; 2, Conada (K Clark, C Lersen, J Brennins, Frochatte, V Hould-Myrchand, K Fortleyno,

K Kulisson, C Read, E Woodley, I Alexander) 98 367 3. Japon (A Kawasa), N Taombana, K Takahasin, M Takoda, R Ambo, R Fujik, M Kawase, R Nakajima, Tenaka, M Fujik) 97 753, A Russia 97 26, 5

nance 96 07; 6, Italy 94 25; 7, China 94.12, Merico 93 83

margin of defeat at home to

Tennis

Finals

MEN'S SINGLES: A Agricui (US) bi S Bruguera (Sp) 6-2, 6-3, 6-1 Branze medal match: L Pees (India) bi F Meligeni (Br) 3-6, 2-2-4. MEN'S DOUBLES: M Woodlarde and I Woodlandge (Aus) bt T Harmsin and A Broad (GB) 6-4, 6-4, 6-2. Broad (GB) 6-4, 6-4, 6-2. WOMEN'S SINGLES: L Davemont (US) of A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) 7-6, 6-2. Bronze medal match: J Nevotna (Cz) bi M J Fornandez (US) 7-6, 6-4. WOMEN'S DOUBLES: M J Fornandez und G Fermandez (US) bi H Sukova, and J Novotna (Cz) 7-6, 6-4.

Volleybali Men's play-offs

SEVENTH PLACE: Bulgaria bi Argentina 15-10, 15-10, 7-15, 20-18 FIFTH PLACE: Brood to Cupe 15-12, 16-14, SEMI-FINALS: Holland bt Russia 15-6, 15-6, 15-10: Italy bt Yugoslavia 15-12, 8-15, 15-6, 15-7

Women's play-offs BRONZE MEDAL MATCH; Brazil bi Russia 15-13, 4-15, 16-14, 8-15, 15-13 FINAL: Cube of Chine 14-16, 15-12, 17-16.

Wrestling Freestyle, final bouts

Indeed Selfor For gold: V Jordanov (Bull or N Abdulloyev (Azer) pts. For bronze: M Mamyrov (Kaz) bt C Mongush (Rus) pts. UNDER 82KG: For gold: T Brands (US) bt Jang Jac-sung (S Kor) pts. For bronze: E Fedeev (UP) bt 1 Wada (Japan) pts. UNDER 74KG: For gold: B Suhev (Rus) bt Park, Jang-soon (S Kor) pts. For bronze: T Cite (Japan) bt P Pastalev (Bull pts. UNDER 97KG: For gold: B Abdullot: Cre Luppani to V Pastalev (Bull pt: UNDER 80KG: For gold: R Azginadi (Iran) bi M Khadartsev (Rus) For bronze: E Kutlandse (Goorga) bit J Lohma (Skoraka) CVER 100KG: For gold: M Dene (Tur) bit A Medivadev (Belo) For bronze: B Baumgeriner (US) bit A Shamilin (Rus) decasion.

Yachting

Soling BRONZE MEDAL MATCH RACE United Shales (J.) Madingali, J. Barton, K. Missey) bi Great Britain A. Beadsworth, B. Parton, A. Stoad) 3-1 FINAL MAYCH RACE: Germany (J. Schusmann, T. Roch, B. Jaoket) bit Ruscia (S. Shayduko, D. Shebanov, I. Skolinj 3-0

successive weeks; and Spruce and Tomlinson's unselfishness paved the way for further

Nickle. It was Bradford's first win in six visits to Headingley and they have now lost only once

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Caddick wins vote over Gough for Headingley Test

THE compromise and sentiment that has disfigured too many England selections was audably absent yesterday. Victory is imperative, in the second Test against Pakistan that begins at Headingley on Thursday, and the pursuit of it has produced a squad of flexibility without fudge. Graeme Hick has been

dropped, a humane decision for all concerned. Simon Brown is also excluded, not because there was any shame attached to his debut at Lord's but because the priorities are now different, and if this was difficult, the continued omission of Darren Gough, this time on his home ground, required judgment that will inevitably be controversial.

Gough's place, as all Yorkshire will indignantly perpeive, has gone to Andy Caddick and, given the reputation of the Leeds crowd when one of their own has been usurped, it is as well for Caddick that he at least won over the East Riding, as well as the selectors, with his superb seam bowling at Scarcorough last week

Caddick has an awkward personality. A solitary man, aloof and humourless, he might be thought temperamentally unsuited to a team game. The quality of his bowling, though, is undeniable and, since recovering from an operation on his shins, he has begun to bowl with menace and consistency.

His eight previous Tests were against Australia in 1993 and in the West Indies the following winter, when he twice took five wickets in an innings and dismissed Brian ara four times — a notable achievement even if, on one occasion, Lara had made 375. Gough, who has all the appeal and charisma Caddick lacks, can feel unfortunate, but the issue came down to a straight choice between the pair and, for Headingley, Caddick's seam was thought more appropriate than Gough's

Nasser Hussain and Chris Lewis is augmented by the return from purgatory of John Crawley, who last played a Test innings 12 months ago and has suffered setbacks ever since. This is admirable, for Crawley is worthy of an extended run, but the best of the selectors' decisions involves a reprieve, in distinctly different ways, for both Jack

Prior to the gathering in ning. Raymond Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, had let it be known that he favoured using Stewart as wickerkeeper. One might have thought this was an exhausted expedient, one that wrongly assumes Stewart will make more runs than Russell when in a dual role, but it was duly

Whatever the other options available this week, Russell will continue keeping wicket. It is true that he has not been

aired extensively at the meet-

ing before a consensus was

at his immaculate best, which is so tidy as to be unnoticed. but he is still peerless in what should remain a specialist position. Paradoxically, his retention will also come as a great relief to Stewart.

It has been an unsettled summer for Stewart and his England career has existed precariously. At Lord's, however, he batted better than at any time in the past 18 months and his reward is the freedom not only to concentrate on his batting, but to do so in the position he prefers, going in first to partner Michael

There are contradictory views about Stewart. One avers that he is hanging on by his bootlaces and must put up



Caddick consistent

with batting anywhere and everywhere. The other, which braced, is that Stewart is an accomplished senior player, in decent form, and that he should bat, unencumbered, where it suits him best.

Nick Knight who approaches this game as the floating batsman. Thus far, his temperament has been more convincing than his technique and with Crawley installed as a straight replacement for Hick, whose runs for Worcestershire this week quite rightly failed to seduce the selectors, it is Knight whose place depends upon the balance of the XI.

Illingworth favours six specialist hatsmen as prudent reinforcement against the brilliance of the Pakistan bowling. If the weather at Leeds later this week is gloomy, as fore-cast, and the pitch well-grassed, as England would request, this will almost dertainly be the policy, in which case the attack will be limited to four seam bowlers.

The danger, here, is that Hick's omission leaves no support bowling. So, within the chosen 13, the alternative exists of batting Ronnie Irani, recalled for the injured Mark Ealham, at No 6, and including lan Salisbury ahead of one of the seam bowlers. With Brown already jettisoned and Caddick identified as the horse for this singular course, Alan Mullally is the vulnerable seamer.

Salisbury, who is taking advice, adjusting his line and eliminating the profligacy of old, deserves all the encouragement he is receiving and will also play in the Test and County Cricket Board XI, cho-sen by the selectors, against South Africa A on August 15. He should be guaranteed a winter in Zimbabwe and New Zealand, something that can-not be said of Hick.

Whether his problems are in his mind, rather than of fundamental technique, Hick has been bafflingly unfocused Illingworth offered no promises of yet another swift recall. "It is not a matter of giving him a rest," he said. "He will always go back to county cricket and make runs. We are in a three-Test series and we cannot afford to carry anyone." It is hard to believe this marks the end of a frustrating Test career, but it may easily mean an extended inter-



Brown, the Durham bowler, shows his delight after trapping Saqlain Mushtaq leg before at Chester-Le-Street yesterday

Durham facing another pitch battle

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

CHESTER-LE-STREET (second day of three; Durham won toss): Durham, with three second-innings wickets in hand, are 94 runs ahead of the

ON THE day he was, stood down from Test duty Simon Brown helped bowl out the tourists with five good wickets but, as so often, he will end up paying for the batting deficiencies of his comrades. No unaffected by rain, has reached the fourth day and when they were 15 for four last night it seemed unlikely this one would stretch into a

Durham hung on, just, as Roseberry, who had passed on the captain's duties earlier in the day to Morris, defied the pain of a fractured right index finger to but through to sumps. However, there is not

for the rest of the season. Play, incidentally, continued until 7.25pm as both sides dawdled through their overs.

Batting was not easy on another sub-standard pitch, as balls alternately crept and flew. What this does for the batsmen's confidence is not hard to divine. In his two vears as captain Roseberry hus made no more than 60 in a championship innings and Morris's first-ball duck was his fourth this year. This gifted rently averages 17 in first-class

Durham, therefore, have been hoist with their own petard. They prepared a sporting pitch — other adjectives spring to mind — and the only person to come a cropper was their captain. Pakistan will march on to Headingley sound in mind and body, and such is their bowling strength they should not be too worried

Wasim Akram, running in from ten paces, bowled 12 overs at the start of the innings, eight of them maid-ens, for the wickets of Daley and Hutton. Rehman took two wickets in successive balls. though not with the same ball. After Campbell played on there followed one of those familiar discussions about the shape of the ball - a Dukes this time — and, immediately it was replaced, Rehman found a beauty for Morris that bat offered with no great enthusiasm.

Once again Rehman howled with skill, moving the ball away from the betsman at a decent pace. At Headingley three years ago it was Paul Reiffel, the medium pacer, who excelled for Australia. Rehman, who is nippy without being "express" pace, can do a similar job for Pakistan

Wasim pulls rank. Pakistan, No 6 at Leeds, will not have learned much from their first innings. Salim Malik, who increasingly looks on the fringe of this team, scratched around for 30 and would now be even more vulnerable had Asif Mujtaba not failed,

Hutton at third slip for a duck. If they want to find room for Saglain Mushtag, the promising off spinner who took two wickets yesterday, it would mean promoting Rashid Latif at No 7. Such a move is worth consideration because it would give them a fifth bowler, and a good one at that, and the top order is in sufficiently good form to cover

caught superbly by the diving

Rashid can hold a bat all right, as he proved by making 129 in 20 overs with his captain for the seventh wicket. As a result of their efforts the tourists took a two-run lead on

Malik indiscriminate form.

cheaply. Before he was caught in the gully, Rashid made 55 from 67 balls. Wasim played some classic drives in his innings of 68, which ended when he missed one of the balls that kept many

Wood, the bowler, cost Durham 59 runs for it was his miss, at mid-off, that reprieved Wasim early in his innings. After the ever-willing Brown, the most successful bowler was Saggers, who arrived from Noriolk recently to help tide them over an injury crisis and has since signed up for the next two seasons.

By nightfall he was batting alongside Roseberry, whose heart must sink when he surveys the wreck of another innings. One man cannot be held responsible for the mess of their season and there is some serious thinking to be done before Durham resume

Lord's beckons for young cricketers eager to take on the world "When the idea of a World Cup

BY IVO TENNANT

n the decade since the first ESCA/Bunbury festival was staged with some trepidation on a sodden field in north London, any number of boys have come to the fore. In that initial, eventful week, a 15-year-old of elegant bearing stroked the ball around the wicket in unappealing conditions with an assurance that bespoke class. John Crawley was evidently a Test batsman in the making.

Ten years on the annual festival is still run with conspicuous success. At Magdalen College's lovely ground in Oxford, numerous boys were looking to show the English Schools' Cricket

worthy of inclusion in the England party for the inaugural under-15 World Cup. The week culminated in a two-wicket victory by ESCA over the President's XI in the final over.

The Lombard World Challenge, which starts tomorrow, will include teams from Australia, West Indies, New Zealand, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Canada and Holland as well as England. The competition was dreamt up by Ken Lake, the long-standing general secretary of ESCA, and David English, who wrote the Bunbury

The matches will be of 55 overs and will be played under Interna-

is free. The final, at Lord's on August 20, will be televised by RSkyB, Jan Botham, Whose son, Liam, once played in a Bunbury festival, volunteered to commentate as soon as he heard of the

For a 14 or 15-year-old who has not ventured far from home before, or who conceivably has no experience of life beyond his township, to walk through the Long Room at Lord's could be a daunting experience in itself. To contend with a crowd far in excess of anything they have played in front of hitherto could prove terrifying. Or invigorating.

"As a result of our initiative, other countries, such as West

Indies and Australia, have re-organised their structure. West Indies have started up an interisland competition for under-15s. Lake said. "We demand academic excellence at this age, so why not not be allowed to freeze. We shall designate to television who is to be interviewed and they will receive media training. I will be present at each interview."

Gordon Lord, who will coach the England team, has no doubts that they are good enough to win. There are some fabulously talented 14 and 15-year-olds available. he said. This, it should be added, is the case with some other countries. The Pakistan team will include the nephew of Javed Miandad and the sons of Majid Khan and Abdul Qadir, and there will be much interest in the mixed party from South Africa that will indicate the standard of cricketer they are developing.

was mooted, I thought it was pie in the sky." Derek Day, the England manager, said. "Whatever is said about no cricket in schools, this is progress. I think a lot of people will be astounded by the abilities of the boys." Day exemplifies the selfless schoolmaster. He has been team manager of Lancashire under-15s since 1960 and well recalls taking David Lloyd, now the England coach, on the bus to Old Trafford from Accrington. He remembers Michael Atherton, the England captain, as a "nice young man, no different from how he is today". Down the years. Day has noticed how much easier it is to unearth promising batsmen. "Too many young

unsuitable indoor surfaces. Micky Stewart, the overall director of coaching, is looking to make them

cut down on this," he said. Six years ago, as the TCCB's under-19 coach, Lloyd attended the Bunbury festival at Oundle School, "People from abroad often say, where do you get your young players from? I know Australia became concerned that their supply of fast bowlers was drying up and they have targeted 20 boys from the age of 13 to see how they turn out," he said. "I don't think 14 and 15-year-olds are too young for international cricket."

ENGLAND SQUAD: A Loudon (captern), S Byrg, J Adems, G Bridge, C Burdon, M Catterly, J Francis R Hunter, H Jones, B Murray, M Powell, B Stewart, C Taylor, G Tolt

Some people have got a face

The excuse you've been waiting for,

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Essex pace themselves for the final furlong

fatalism and expediency in the county championship. While some clubs gloomily accept a season has passed them by, others explore all legitimate means of gathering points. Despite draw incentives and rigorous pitch guidelines, many games finish in three days on calculatingly indifferent

The pattern is not about to alter, judging by this week's pro-gramme. Of the seven fixtures that began last Thursday, four were over by teatime on Saturday, the only surprise among them being a Eastbourne, where the Sussex eighth-wicket pair shared a deci-

sive century stand. There were convincing wins for Derbyshire and Somerset, who both still harbour ambitions of place-money, at least. Derbyshire, a keen and revitalised force under Dean Jones, flattened Gloucesterall been over inside eight sessions. while Somerset won by an innings on a Taunton pitch chosen, just before the toss, for its greenness. Hampshire can hardly complain - they put Somerset in to bat and conceded 541 - but the principle

is appropriate to the time of

Yet the most significant result, by far, came at Lord's. Middlesex are not the force of old, not even the force of last year — especially now that Mike Gatting has joined their bewildering injury list — but the scale and speed of their demolition by Essex was an indignity to which they are unaccustomed.

This especially applies to Paul Weekes and Mark Ramprakash, neither of whom had been out without scoring in the championship this season until a game in which they each collected a "pair". When this kind of thing happens to your two leading batsmen, the omens are not good. Middlesex, it

can now safely be said, will not be winning the championship this

Essex, however, may do. As the only team to challenge Middlesex's enduring standards of the past 20 years, in which they have won six championships to their metropolitan neighbours' seven, they are formidable opponents at this time of year, when so often it is the teams with wisdom and where-

withal that emerge from the pack.
The sight of Essex nosing to-wards the head of the table during August can be compared to Nick start of the final round, or to Pat Eddery, having waited with confi-dence behind a dispute of pacemakers, pulling out to cut down his field in the last furlong.

This championship season is not Keith Fletcher, the restored eminence of Essex, warned against loose talk after Saturday's win. It was the third in succession for ALAN LEE



Championship Commentary

Essex, but Fletcher, who knows a bit about the business of winning titles, is aware that an awful lot can change with six games still to

Not that this will stop anyone doing just that. This morning. Essex lie handily in fourth place. Yorkshire, already showing signs of vertigo, Leicestershire, suffering damaging injuries at the worst time, and Surrey, with a long history of expired challenges to overcome. Kent could join them today now that Dean Headley's second hat-trick in successive games has given them realistic hope of overturning a 93-run first-innings deficit against Worcestershire.

Essex face three difficult away trips, to Somerset, Yorkshire and Warwickshire, but if they remain in touch after that, their last two games are at Chelmsford, against Sussex and Glamorgan — and one thing that can be said with certainty about Essex is that they are not chokers. Once involved in a battle, they tend to see it all the way

through. Despite many changes of playing personnel and an inevitable revision of the good-timing sociability that once set them apart off the field as well as on, the essential spirit of the club is unchanged since 1979, when Fletcher led them to their first title.

Interestingly, the last time they won it was in 1992, immediately prior to Fletcher starting his unhappy spell as manager of England.
The nucleus of that side sur-

vives, with Hussain, Ilon, Such, the enduring and extraordinary Gooch and the new captain, Prichard. An understated character, he had a chastening first summer at the helm and possibly felt he was never quite in charge at all. However, he is growing into the position and has, at his disposal, some burgeoning talent, exemplified by the gangling 21-year-old, Ashley Cowan.

No young fast bowler this

injury that interrupted him, he took eight wickers in the win at Lord's. If he stays fit, he will be a treasure way beyond the embers of this season, for Essex have long required a new-ball partner for the

willing Llott. The most compelling reason for believing in Essex's prospects of the title, however, is that they know how to win. It is not just those who have been there before, though there are plenty of them, but the skill with which they have woven men of substance and

ambition into their team. Stuart Law led Queensland for much of their inaugural Sheffield Shield triumph two winters ago, while Ronnie Irani and Paul Grayson, who arrived from Lancashire and Yorkshire respectively, already contribute as much with their attitude as their considerable ability. Seven weeks from now, they may all have something to

Carr settles into Lord's life as if to the manor born

THE cynics, of whom there are many on the county cricket circuit, had a field day when they heard that John Carr. son of Donald, the first secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), alumnus of Repton and Oxford and vicecaptain of Middlesex, was retiring to take one of the top iobs at Lord's.

All their perceived prejudices - nepotism, privilege, the old school tie, the Oxbridge mafia and home counties bias - were given an airing. It was not so much jobs for the boys, one of them scoffed, as a job for the boy.

There was one snag, it was hard to think of anyone who was better qualified than Carr to fill the position of "Cricket Operations Manager", the new title for the position left vacant by Tim Lamb's promotion from cricket secretary to chief executive of the TCCB.

The fact is that Carr has been preparing for such a job all his life. He was born in Elm Tree Road, which is virtually the Lord's back garden, in the days when MCC housed its employees there and his father, a former captain of Derbyshire and England, was an assistant secretary. Carr Jr would get home from school at Hampstead, pick up a sandwich and have his tea while watching the last session of play.

At Oxford, he got a degree in

philosophy, politics and economics, all of which should stand him in good stead in cricket's corridors of powers, and at the same time began his Middlesex career with the

same ambition to play for England as every young player. He never got that far. He started well enough, but, after going through two particularlean seasons at the end of the Eighties, he decided to retire from the game at the age of 27 and take a job in the City as a management trainee with Barclays Bank.

It was probably the best career move he could have made. Eighteen months of that was enough to convince him that banking was not for him and made him realise the importance of working in a field where he had a genuine



interest. It was back to Middlesex and a new lease of life.

That he was his own man was apparent in the way he defied the purists by adopting his own, idiosyncratic stance, with bat cocked somewhere around his right ear. "I know wasn't everybody's cup of tea and I wouldn't advocate it for anybody else," he said, "but I devised a method whereby I could scratch out my runs a little bit more consistently than before."

Now, having scratched out thousands of runs in the past five years to put himself in line for the Middlesex captaincy when Mike Gatting calls it a day in the not-too-distant future, he has confirmed his strength of mind by retiring for a second time at 33 to embark on a new career.

"I hope that Middlesex will go for a younger captain because there's been a nice line of succession through Mike Brearley and Mike Gatting and I think it would be a shame if somebody just stepped in for a year or two. he said. "I hope they will make another long-term appointment and that it's another great success story."

As for his new job, he admitted: "I've always envied Tim Lamb doing it, to be honest. It's a pure cricket job, which is very closely related to what's actually happening on the field. I think it's a great opportunity for me." It is also a great responsi-

bility. Apart from taking on Lamb's core tasks, like compiling the fixture lists and reviewing the playing conditions, he will take an important role as the soon-to-be-established English Cricket Board sets about integrating all cricket from the playground to the Test arena. "We believe we've made

absolutely the right appointment," Lamb said. "John is the right sort of age, he's got the right sort of background, he's had a lot of experience at all levels of the game, he's helped to set up the Middlesex Cricket Board and he has played firstclass cricket. That was not an absolute prerequisite for the job, but it does not half give him an advantage."

county championship

Stewart leads Surrey assault on three peaks

Michael Henderson

talks to Alec Stewart.

whose county is still chasing three trophies

lec Stewart may feel like a mountaineer on a ledge of ice, looking up at the mountain peak. "We've done well to get this far', the Surrey captain could tell his players, who are heavily involved in the three competitions yet to be decided. "One more push and we're there". Surrey have been here before, and landed on their hind quarters. Has anything

According to Stewart, yes it We're a more mature side," he said. "We have always had the talent and this year it has been reflected in our results." So far. The remaining six weeks of the season will reveal whether they have acquired the neces sary application.

ewart does not need reninding that when Surrey last won the championship, in 1971, his father, Micky, was the captain. Since then, the club has won only the NatWest Trophy in 1982, and the past couple of years have been particularly unhappy, as rumour chased counterrumour round the Oval's renovated corridors.

As captain. Stewart has heen in the thick of it, 200 now that the tide is beginning to turn be intends to turn with it. No longer does he want to be regarded as a nearly man. nearly the captain of England and nearly a fulfilled Surrey cricketer. "I've been here since 1981, and when we won the NatWest a year later I was not part of the team," he said. "In my time we have reached nother NatWest final, in 1991. Now it is time to go one stage further."

Surrey have made good the loss of Stewart, Thorpe and Lewis to the England team. They lie third in the championship, with two games in hand over Yorkshire, who put them out of the Benson and Hedges Cup at the Oval, one of their few poor performances of the summer. They began yesterday top of the Sunday League, and they play Essex tomorrow week in a

NatWest Trophy semi-final on their own ground, To be top, or near the top. in both leagues is nigh on perfect," Stewart said. "From be like a cup final but, if we keep winning, then the others will not catch us. It is so much



Stewart is keen to lose his reputation as a nearly man for county and country. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

easier to captain a team when you are playing well."

Two years ago, when Surrey sacked Geoff Arnold as coach without reference to Stewart, there was some doubt whether he would carry on in the job. Those were the dark days of Glyn Woodman, a chief executive who appeared not to understand that a cricket club is primarily about cricket. Members of staff mysteriously left the Oval, and a pall of gloom descended on the place, which is only lifting now.

ever going to leave Surrey." Stewart said, "but when they sacked Geoff I wondered whether it was worth carrying on as captain. This year. I am happy to say, has been the most enjoyable for about four years. People said it was an unhappy place but when you are in the middle of it you don't necessarily notice what

going on. This year, we have won games that we would not have done before, last week's victory against NatWest

Somerset being an example. Thorpey has been outstanding. Lewis has made a big difference and Martin Bicknell has stayed fit." The arrival from Australia of Dave Gilbert, the coach, who is only two years older than Stewart, has also proved beneficial. The higgest advances have

been made by Adam Hollioake and Mark Butcher. who have added significantly to their reputations. Stewart thinks that Butcher, the lefthanded opener, will make an England batsman — "whether

that two Hollioakes may eventually emerge.

"I think of them as being like the Waughs. Adam is all hustle and bustle, like Steve Waugh, and Ben is quieter, like Mark. For an 18-vear-old. Ben has done a very good job. To bowl eight overs at the death in a Sunday game, as he has done, is quite something".

So there is plenty for Stewart to play for in the next month, and everybody at the Oval knows it. They're due.

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BOWLING Candick 20-8-44-2; Lee 2-0 25-0, Rose 16-4-46-1; Parsons 7-2-25-1 Barty 24-4-45-5 Umpires A.A.Jones and M.J. Kitchen, Sussex v Yorkshire

EASTBOURINE (thed day of four): Sugar (22pts) beat rankshire (7) by two wickets Socard innergs 133 (D Byas 72 not out, E S H Goldens 6 for 47) SUSSEX: First Innings 253 (C W J Alhoy 100, P J Hartley 6 for 67) Second Imags

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D R Law C Blakey b Gough
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J D Lowny not out
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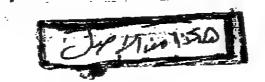
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1.24, 2.24, 3.47, 4.47, 5.111, 5.114, 7.114, 8.218, 80 MLING Hartley 22:4.85-4; Gough 19-5.93, White 4.2-11-0, Sween 90:0-80-32-1, Stemp 9-5-17-0; Bevgn 3-0-14-0

Umpros V A Holder and T E Jealy

DEFMOT REEVE BENEFIT MATCH: World XI 215-9 (R G Twosa 5.2) Warwick-ship 217-6 (D R Brown 78 not out, 5 M Policick, 72)

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Bevan's bowling bemuses Sussex

BY SIMON WILDE

innings at senior level.

sixth wicket had McGrath and

Moxon not made heavy weather of a top-edged pull by

Despite an impressive open-

Sussex's total into perspective,

Byas and Vaughan hitting the

ball freely in an entertaining

which he hit for four.

might well be, he could be back promptly to assist his

county in their pursuit of three

trophies. Sussex must be wish-

EASTBOURNE (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Sussex by eight wickets

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SUSSEX have long been an infuriating team to watch. For generations their cricket has said: "We are capable of anything, but do not expect us

to do it too often". This weekend was a fine case in point. They produced the goods on Saturday, pulling off an extraordinary championship win over a Yorkshire side that had the beating of them several times, but yesterday were at their incorrigible worst, throwing away a strong position in spectacular fashion.

It was an act of generosity that even Yorkshire, in their fragile mental state, could not spurn and they went on to win at a canter, with 26 balls to spare, a result that puts them equal second with Surrey in

Wells, who was then 22 and stayed to be last man out for 41. He was the only Sussex batsman after Greenfield and Rao, who scored 64 from 80 balls, to build an innings. Yorkshire's next most successant (1) ful bowler, less surprisingly. was Hartley, who took three for 30. ing spell for Kirtley, who knocked back Moxon's middle stump. Yorkshire soon put

the AXA Equity & Law

League.
The bare bones of Sussex's batting collapse tell much of the tale. Keith Greenfield and Rajesh Rao, a promising young cricketer who has yet to appear for the county outside the Sunday league, shared an opening partnership of 108 in 24 overs and a total in excess of 250 looked likely. From that point, though, all ten wickets were lost within 17 overs, for

the addition of 98 runs. What these details do not tell is the means of their ruin. They were stopped in their tracks by the bowling of Michael Bevan, an overseas player signed for his brilliant batting. Nominally, he purveys chinamen, but yesterday bowled at medium pace. The ball came through at a variety of lengths and heights.

Those who have faced him before know what to expect

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Wren sweeps as he tries to resuscitate the Kent innings against Worcestershire

Listless Kent pay the price

BY PAT GIBSON

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Worcestershire (4pts) beat Kent by ten wickets

second-wicket stand of 114 in KENT'S hopes of retaining Vaughan, who gave a the Axa Equity & Law League sharp, early chance to slip off title suffered a severe setback Kirtley, finished with an unwith this emphatic defeat at beaten 71, the highest league the hands of Worcestershire. score of his career, but the best who are now in a strong batting of the innings came position to challenge for it from McGrath, who joined thromselvo.

him in a match-winning part-With that in mind, Graeme nership of 69 in 11 overs Hick's hanishment from the McGrath's share was a forth-England side could not have right 49 from 42 balls, eight of come at a better time for them. although he had little chance to work off his frustration Although they did not need his batting yesterday, Yorkyesterday. Such was Worcesshire will miss Bevan if, as tershire's dominance that he expected, he leaves after the was not even required to bat as Tom Moody and Philip Weston swept them to victory NatWest Trophy semi-finals to join Australia at their camp inside 18 overs. prior to visiting Sri Lanka. If that visit is cancelled, as it

The champions were without Ealham, their England all-rounder, because of his rib injury and Marsh, their new captain, who is still recovering from a broken finger, but

that was no excuse for their shambolic batting listless bowling and slipshod fielding.

Hooper, the acting captain, had chosen to bat on a pitch which was entirely blameless for their collapse to 135 all out. Fieming set the pattern by getting a bottom edge onto his tumps in Ellis's first over and Walker quickly followed suit by pulling

Ward was caught at noint driving at a wide one from Ellis, Hooper edged Moody to the wicketkeeper, and, just as Long was beginning to engineer some sort of recovery, Cowdrey ran him out.

Hick did get into the act by racing in from the square-leg boundary to catch Cowdrey off Lampitt before picking up two wickets with his off-breaks and Kent would not have got as far as they did but for an unbeaten 31 by Willis and a generous contribution

of 30 extras

A misfield gave Worcester-shire their first boundary; Moody took 16, including three successive fours, in one over from the hapless Wren and then welcomed Fleming with another three fours in a row, one of which left the bat such velocity that even Hooper was forced into eva-

punishing, and ofinally contstripped his captain by hitting Long for a six and two fours in his first over and another six off the first ball of his second to nettle the issue.

Moody finished with 53 off 51 balls with eight fours; Weston 78 off 54 balls with two sixes and 12 fours; and the 7,000 crowd, which had been pouring in since mid-morning went home bitterly disillusioned. They had spent more time waiting for play to start than watching the actual

BY RUPERT COX

brunming with age-group tours and that remarkable

first-class debut in which he

This led to Northampton-

shire's vain attempt to have

Sales released from England

duty. "It was never a real

issue, the counties had agreed

that under-19 cricket takes

precedence over all but the full

England side. Besides, David is available to play in five of

his county's last six champion-

ship matches," Micky Stew-

art, who oversees the

Development of Excellence,

It is, none the less, refreshing to see the eagerness of John Emburey, the North-

amptonshire coach, to pro-

As England struggled to

come to terms with an arid Old Trafford surface, declin-

ing during their first innings

Bradfield take cup for first time

including, this competition, which has attracted no fewer

than 129 past and present first-

class players, several England captains among them. A sponsor is required for next

On a slow pitch which had

some uneven bounce, Bradfield mustered 226 in

their 55 overs. As an illustra-

tion of just how difficult run-

making was, Nicholas, who made 160 in their quarter-

final victory over Repton Pil-

grims, collected 11 in 14 overs before the medium-paced

Timm had him taken at the

Came, who made 41 and later

held an excellent slip catch, and Brigman, who contribut-

ed 40. It was not a pitch for

spinners, Agnew, brother of

wicket off one that lifted. Much depended Bradfield's middle order on

made an unbeaten 210.

His cricketing CV is already to 92 for four, Sales, in

Leicester pose few shallenges

pained their leaft in the ANA Beauty & Law Sunday League yesterday; achieving an al-sundy straightingward six-wicket victory over Leices-tershire with it overs in hand. Leicestershipe were put in and bowled out for 133 within 35 overs. No one individual

was responsible for this -Ambrose and Snape took two wickers apiece - and yet no bataman made anything like enough runs. Simmons, cap-tain in place of the injured Whitaker, was the top scorer with 26. Nixon contributed 19 to bring about some sort of a recovery from 97 for six.

A brilliant unbeaten 122 by

Robin Smith enabled Hampshire to beat Somerset by 44 runs. The England batsman struck 18 fours and two straight sixes in an innings that lasted for just 102 balls.

This was the kind of form which, alas, Smith has not found too often in this, his benefit season. Caddick and Lee are capable of containing most batsmen, but not so now. Lathwell was the one Somerset batsman who looked capable of matching such strokeplay, but, having made an attractive 49, he carelessly cut Stephenson, Hampshire captain, to backward point. Caddick did celebrate his imminent return to Test cricket

his competition. There was further impressive batting at Trent Bridge, where Dowman, Nottinghamshire's England Under-19 batsman, also achieved his best Sunday score — an un-beaten 70 — in his side's ninewicket victory over

by hitting 39, his best score in

Glamorgan.
Robinson, in the course of making 55 off 70 balls, reached 6,000 runs in the Sunday League. Another England batsman, Maynard, made rons in Glamorgan's innings, but not sufficient. Cottey, Dale and Croft all contributed useful scores, but not enough for Nottinghamshire's opening pair to have to take unnecessary risks.

South Africa A attineved the second first-class victory of their tour when they wrapped up the Surrey second imnings just after lunch to win by 157

Alistair Brown departed to his third ball of the morning without adding to his over-night score of 32 when he was leg-before to Lance Klusener. Nadeem Shahid, resuming

on 67, struck three early boundaries but his flow had dried up before he was caught at slip, one of five victims for left-arm spinner Nicky Boje.

conjunction with Surrey's live-

ly all-rounder, Ben Hollioake

added a telling 101 for the lifth

wicket. This was a necessarily

restrained performance but

although forced into a cau-

tious role he responded with a

half-century from 111 balls,

in the second innings, when

he was able to play in a more flamboyant style as England

sought to improve on a nar-row lead on first innings, he

showed his full array of attacking strokes. Unafraid to

take the aerial route, he sug-

gested that of the batting talent on view his is the most

mature, and therefore the

most likely to fit comfertably

It is not too early to talk of the England A tour this com-

ing winter. It just needs the selectors to trust his preco-

the BBC's cricket corres-

pondent, failing to take a wicket. Uppingham ran out

three batsman in the final

Had Kennedy, a property

developer who was one of the

more experienced members of

his side, been given greater

support. Uppingham would have won. He was the one

batsman to make a half-

Time was when the band

which was of the steel variety

yesterday - would strike up during play, as was the case in

Canterbury week Cricket is

taken too seriously for that now, but this remains one of

the most agreeable of fixtures.

Sir Oliver Popplewell, Presi-

dent of MCC, presented the

cup to the winners.

century.

into the class above.

with six fours.

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-62, 2-69, 3-92, 4-157, 5-170, 8-195, 7-245, 8-248, 9-262. BOWLING: Watern Alexan 23.2-6-85-3; Assured Program 18-0-67-0; Sacial: Musikan, 18-0-8-1; Sacial: Musi Second Innings L Campbell b Ata-ur-Rehmen

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S J E Brown got out

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Total (* wids) 96
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-6, 3-14, 4-15, 5-47, 6-87, 7-88.
BOWLING: Wasley, Alman 12-8-9-2, Als-us-Refrinari 15-3-4-12; Asti Mujabis 3-0-8-1; Section Market 12-5-27-2; Selfim Mark. 1-3-1-0. PAKSSTANES: First Innings

Umpiree: G I Burgess and N T Plays.

Derbyshire v Gloucestershire

GLOUCESTERSHIPE

Kent v Worcestershire CANTERBURY DOWN won topic: Works KENT

S C Willie not out
M J McCague c Shariyar b Hick
D W Headley b Hick
T N Wren run out Edites (b 2, ib 7, w 11, nb 10)

Leicestershire v Northamptonshire

Umpires: R Julien and J D Bond. Middleses v Ruses LORD'S (Middleser won mes): Middle (4pts) base Essex by five runs MIDDLESEX

D D J Robinson c Dutch b Weekes
A J E Hibbert c Brown b Fay
N Husseln b Dutch
S G Law c Heart b Weekes
P J Prichard c Brown b Fay
TR J Rollins b Dutch
J B Lewis c Carr b Johnson
A P Gasyson c Fasser b Weekes
S J W Andrew b Weekes
P J W Andrew b Weekes Deres (to 12 w 13, nb 2) Total (8 wids, 40 overs) 215
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-76, 3-92, 4-151, 6-169, 6-175, 7-187, 8-211, 9-211.
BOWLING: Hewitt 4-0-23-0, Fay 8-1-23-2; Fraser 8-0-55-0, Johnson 8-1-40-1; Weekes 7-0-39-4; Danch 5-0-23-2.

Tetley's Challenge Series Durhani v Pakistanis

Sound and b Saglain

Total
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-48, 3-62, 4-125, 5-144, 6-157, 7-286, 8-287, 9-287

AXA Equity & Law League

Total (9 wids, 40 overs) 208
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-5, 3-110, 4-110, 5-124, 6-123, 7-125, 8-137, 9-201.
BOWLING: Cork 8-1-23-1; Defreibes 8-1-43-1; Actred 2-0-18-0; Vandrau 2-0-21-0; Wids 8-0-34-0; Deam 8-1-32-5; Emmel 4-0-34-2.

K.J. Barnett out out G.A. Khan o Davie b Cawdron C.M. Wells not out

npiece: J H Harris and G Sherp.

Total (no wid, 17:1 overs) 136 G.A. Hick, R.K. Spking, A. Sheriyar, V.S. Solanid, D.A. Lastherdale, 15.J. Rhodes, S.F. Lampit, R.K. Illingworth and S.W.K. Ette did not ball.

not be.

BOWLING: When 4-1-29-0; Headley 5-0-29-0; McCague 5-0-34-0; Fleming 2-0-25-0; Llong 1-1-0-20-0.

Limpine: H D Bird and J W Holder.

Northamptomshire
LECESTER (Northamptomshire won toel):
Northamptomshire (spha) beet Laicestershire by six succises.

P V Simmons low b Capel 28
V J Wells c Capel b Ambross 38
G I Macmillan C Taylor b Currar 17
A Habib nin nin 23
D L Meddy nin out 31
V P Clarke nin out 31
V P Clarke nin out 31
V P C Ramy b Sneps 44
A R K Paraon low b Snape 36
D Williamson low b Antories 36

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MIDDLESEX
P N Weekas c Andrew b Law
M R Rempresash bu b Such
J C Pooley law b Law
J D Carr c Hussain b Law
K P Dustn c Rollins b Law
K R Brown not out
P E Wellings b Greynon
J P Hewitt not out

BS (b 1, lb 15, w 5, nb 2)

Total (6 wkts, 40 overs) _____220 R L Johnson, R A Fay and A R C Freser did noi bal. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-41, 3-137, 4-135, 6-152, 6-165

Notts v Glamorgan TRENT BRIDGE (Glarrogan won toss) Notinghametrie (4pls) best Glarrogan by nine wickets

GLAMORGANS
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S P James c Toley b Evens
A W Evens c Toley b Caude
M P Mayned low b Bates
P A Cottey b Bates
A Dale c and b Bower
G B Burehar b Bower

BOMING: Evens 8-0-25-2; Bowen
38-1; Ceims 8-1-26-2; Tolley 4-0Bates 8-1-30-3; Downton 4-1-12-0;
NOTTINIQUAMSHERE
R T Robustion to Barwick
A Metallie not out Editas (w 7, nb 6) 158
P R Potard, "P Johnson, C I, Caims, C M
Tosley, K P Evers, 1W M Noor, R T State
and M N Rower did not but
FALL OF WCKEP 1-111
BOMENC: Waten 8-0-28-0; Obsen 6-0-36-0; Date 4-0-18-0; Butcher 2-0-12-0;
Bartetic 6-0-30-1, Croft 8-0-32-0; Mayrand
02-0-2-0.

Somerset v Hampshire

TAUNTON (Hampehre won toes): Hampehre won toes): Hampehre won toes): Hampehre won toes): Hampehre (pei) beet Somerset by 44 nms

J S Laney lbw b Caddick

M Kaech c Trump b Rose

R A Smith not out

W S Kendall c Tumer b Lae

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S C Ecclestone b Jernes
S Lea nur out
F J Harden b Whitales
P D Bowler low b Stapheneon
K A Persons low b Whatales
TR J Turner c Laney b Stepheneon
G D Rose c Stepheneon b Udal
A R Cadadak c Smah b Udal
H R J Trump not out

Total (98.5 overs) 185
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-62, 3-78, 4-108, 5-112, 6-115, 7-120, 8-122, 9-160
BOWLING: Stephenson 8-0-23-3, Milburn 8-0-39-1, James 8-0-63-1; Udel 5-6-038-2; Bowll 2-0-10-0; Whitelier 5-0-20-2. Sussex v Yorkshire EASTROUGHE (Vorleine won lose); York white (400) been Sussed by eight without SUSSEX R K Rap at Blatery b Baytan K Greenfield flow b Baytan M P Speight c Stemp b Seven "A P Wells c Motion b Harthy D R C Law c Stamp b Baytan V C Drakes low b Boytan

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**D Bytes c Safebury b Grienfield
M.D. Moson b Kinley
M.P. Vaughen not out Extres (Ib 10, w 9, nb 4) Total (2 wide, 35.4 overs) 207 M G Boven, C White, †R J Bleisey, D Gouph, P J Hartley, C E W Silverwood and R D Stamp did not but. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-138.

BOWLING: Kirliny 8-0-20-1; Law 4.4-6 Online: 5-0-33-0; Globins: 6-0-43-0; bury 8-0-49-0; Greenflatd 8-0-20-1. Tour match Surrey v South Africa A

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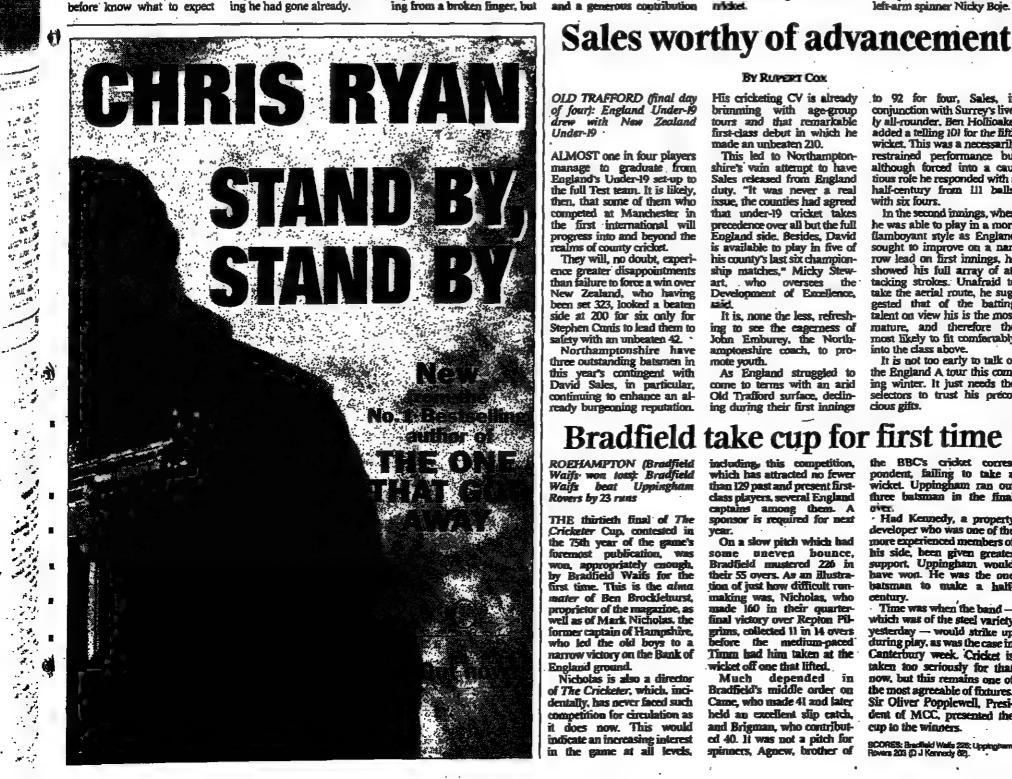
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S J Cunis c Smith b Batty
D G Sevelt not out.
D L Vettori c Hollicele b Batty
Schrae (b 14, lb 9, nb 2) Total
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-53, 9-82, 4-108,
5-210, 5-219, 7-222, 8-233, 9-242

BOWLING: Campbell 70-27-0; Holliosice
13-4-25-2; Coster 37-8-87-4; Ormond 8-418-0; Betty 30,5-12-72-3.

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MOTOR RALLYING: WELSH DRIVER STEPS OUT OF SHADOWS TO CLINCH BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

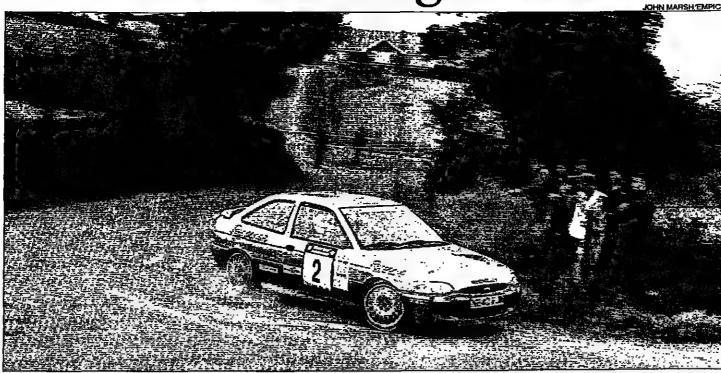
Evans achieves driving ambition

THERE were two journalists and a public relations man talking to Gwyndaf Evans on Friday afternoon when the man from the BBC arrived for the Stena Line Ulster Rally here in Belfast. His surprise turned to amused impatience as Evans continued to hold forth. "We don't usually have to queue up for you, Gwyndaf." he said. "Is this an interview or are you reciting War and Peace?

For most of the last decade, Evans, has been neatly slotted into the role of worthy bit-part player, a footnote, a ruddy-cheeked oddity, someone to be patronised gently because he once drove a school bus in the depths of mid-Wales. His consistent brilliance as a rally driver tended to be passed over as more upwardly-mobile drivers such as Colin McRae, Richard Burns and, last year, Alister McRae, edged him out.

As Colin McRae and Burns saw their international rally careers take off, Evans ploughed a different furrow, working as a test driver for Ford. While Colin McRae lives in a flat in Monte Carlo. Evans is paid £00 a day for his work. He can expect to earn about £40,000 a

On Saturday, though, his market value went up a notch. With one round of the Mobil ITop Gear British Rally championship to spare. Evans secured the title by easing his way to a crushing victory in his class in this two-day rally. The only threat came when he happened upon a dog wandering towards him in one of Friday's early stages and had to slow down.



Evans powers his Ford Escort RS2000 around a tight corner on his way to victory in the Ulster Rally that secured the British championship

Driving a Ford Escort RS2000, he finished third overall behind the Subaru Impreza of Bertie Fisher and the Renault Megane of Robbie Head, who were both driving more powerful cars ineligible for championship points. Évans led the championship battle in the rally from the first stage and never let it slip over 170 miles of special stages on twisting country lanes. The nearest challenger in his class was nearly four minutes behind him.

"I am absolutely delighted to have won the title, not just for me but for the whole team, Evans, 37. said. "We have been working on the current car for nearly three years and this is its finest hour. It is fantastic car and I would like to thank Ford for supporting me all these years in my rallying career." Quite where his career goes from here, though, is unclear. He has made it known he would like to do more world championship rallies

but competition for drives is fierce and there may not be any

opportunities. Railying has given me a comfortable life and I enjoy every minute of it," he said. "There has been talk of me doing the San Remo and Catalunya railies but 1 know I am one of the fortunate few who can make a living out of the sport. I wish there were more. The only way for that to happen is for us to make the game better.

bring it closer to the general public and then it will amract more sponsors. The event organisers have got to look at doing more super special stages in town centres. That will bring Joe Public out of the countryside to watch If they come, perhaps Gwyndaf

"It is a spectacle but we have to

Evans will get the attention he deserves at last. He has been an unsung hero for too long.

SAILING: CLASSIC CONDITIONS GREET COMPETITORS IN THE SOLENT FOR SECOND DAY OF COWES WEEK

Slade's maxi sets early benchmark in Queen's Cup

By EDWARD GORMAN FAILING CORRESPONDENT

THE world's biggest and longestrunning regatta. Skandia Life Cowes Week, got underway with some classic sailing conditions on the Solent yesterday, after racing in all but four of the 29 classes was cancelled on Saturday.

This year 850 yachts have arrived, just below the figure for last year of 857 and still down on the 1991 record of 923. But the turnout in a year when there is no Fastnet Race to swell the numbers, is a vote of confidence in the event.

For the first time in a decade, a maxi class has its own start, and they were among the only boats to sail on Saturday in the Queen's Cup. The trophy, which was first presented by Queen Victoria in 1897, was won by Mike Slade's round-the-island record breaker,

Longobarda. The other yachts in the fleet are John Caulcutt's Multipep, and two Grand Mistral maxis, Ludde Ingvall's Nicorette and a Russianowned boat called Grand Mistral. There were rumours that the Gary Mull-designed Sorcery, which attracted much attention at Ford

Cork Week last month, might turn up to make the field up to five. Among the rest, some of the hottest racing of the week can be expected in the sportsboat class which has its own dedicated start for the first time and in the Glenfiddich Melges 24s class,

which has attracted 30 entries. The top helm in the class in Europe, the Italian Giorgio Zuccoli on Ale Ali Reiter, is in the fleet. He will be taking on the best of the British including Mike Lennon, the national champion on Raw Hyde, who won the Rover series in May. The Melges, which has its British

championships at Brixham in early September and its Europeans in Barcelona at the beginning of October, also got a start on Saturday, with first blood going to Chris Little's Ancaster. Yesterday. Lennon notched up his first win with Zuccoli finishing second. Among those expected to make an appearance in the Melges fleet late in the week is Ben Ainslie, Great Britain's Olympic silver medalwinner in Savannah, in the Laser

The other big battle of the week can be expected in Class I, where the successful Bashford Howison

41s will slug it out again for overall honours. They dominated the Ford Cork week this year and have already stamped their mark on Cowes with Jocelyn Waller's Silk 2 winning the first two races and Glynn Williams's Wolf close on her heels with a second and a third.

In the traditional day-boat classes, there will be much interest in the battle of the Solent Sunbeams where for the first time, a Falmouth-based boat, Jonathan Money's Polly, has been brought up by road to take on the Itchenor fleet.

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Sport counts the • cost of accidents waiting to happen

THE BUSINESS

around the Far East on their summer tour, it must prey on the mind of Sir John Hall. the chairman, that his plans to deliver the championship to St James' Park could be subotaged by a moment's madness on the football field. Every striker knows he is at the mercy of a dodgy tackle from a hard-bitten central defender -Alan Shearer, the £15 million man. better than most, having missed a large part of his first season at

Blackburn Rovers through injury. That is why Sir John has no doubt written a large cheque to the account of Windsor Insurance Brokers, who, 24 years ago, pioneered the concept of insuring footballers against career-ending injury and who still lead the market. Neither Newcastle nor

Windsor would reveal how much the premium is on Shearer, but market experts guess it could be in the region of £200,000 a year. more than the

salaries of many Shearer's Newcastle United colleagues. The issue of in-

surance is becoming increasingly important in sport. Football leads the way with 50 to 55 players having to leave the game every year because of injury, an attrition rate of around two per cent. The cost of insurance has spiralled with increases in salaries and transfer fees and it is becoming a problem not only for clubs but also for national associations. It has also cropped up in unlikely areas.

For instance, when Paul Merson wanted Paul Gascoigne to play in his testimonial match in May, the organisers found that the insurance cost for the injury-prone midfield player was prohibitive. Thankfully, Gazza volunteered to pay it himself and then, in an Arsenal shirt, put on the sort of display that would have had Tottenham Hotspur supporters crying into their beer.

When players join up with national squads, the club-versuscountry issue becomes financial. with the national associations having to pay out massive premiums to cover the players they have on loan. These are calculated with great accuracy, based on the length

pitch. Even so, it is reckoned that the Euro 96 tournament would have generated in excess of El million for the insurance

The policies are becoming increasingly sophisticated, to take account of the likelihood of injury. If a player has had problems with the ligaments in his right knee, this will often be excluded, so, if it goes again, the insurer does not pay out. The player will not be allowed to indulge in dangerous sports, such as motor racing, rock climbing or skiing, and most policies are declared void if the player takes recreational drugs or happens to contract some incurable disease as a result of activities that could find them on the pages of the tabloids. The cost also increases as a

player becomes older — and the well. Thus the price of insuring the England goalkeeper, David Seaman, 32, is around twice the price of the insurance on Ryan Giggs, ten years if Giggs's career

could end up paying about £10 million, while Seaman's insurance value is unlikely to be more then £5

According to Jonathan Ticehurst at Windsor, nobody is uninsurable, even that wonder of medical science, Paul McGrath. The firm has policies on about ten Formula One drivers and is expanding into rugby. Apparently, rugby league players are, pound for pound, cheaper to insure than footballers as they are less likely to be seriously injured. As for rugby union, there are so few policies that they are difficult to price - an interesting issue for the insurance giant, Willis Corroon, which is making a move into this market.

As for insuring Alan Shearer. Sir John Hall can save a few bob by not insuring him for the full £22.5 million value of his contract - but with a flotation imminent, Newcastle United wouldn't want to spoil the ship for a hap oth of tar.

JASON NISSĖ

Villa share move, page 40 YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

SPORTS LETTERS

Academy must widen field

From the President of the British Ice Hockey Association Sir. The initiative to establish an academy of sport (report, July 25) is not before time. However, if it is to be successful in helping our athletes to succeed in elite competition. more thought than is now apparent must be applied to developing a strategic plan for British sport as a whole. Focusing on 20 sports in the absence of a broad strategy is extraordinarily short-sighted. 1. Most of the Olympic team sports have been ignored. If worldwide regard for Britain is to rise, we must be seen to be competitive in the team sports the rest of the world plays (ie. all the Olympic team sports). 2. Many other Olympic sports have also been ignored. A way must be found to develop athletes with the potential to perform well at the elite level

rrespective of their sport. 3. The 20 sports exclude winter sports, albeit that 30 per cent of the population participate in or closely follow these sports. Britain has won many Olympic medals in these sports (eg. ice skating) and has world rankings considerably higher than in the 20 focus sports (eg. ice hockey and bobsleigh).

If team sports, winter sports and the needs of potential top performers in the so-called 'obscure" sports are to be ignored or subordinated to the 20, an opportunity to put in place an effective strategy for British sport will have been lost. Let the people who understand sports (eg. the British Olympic Association) develop the strategy, not civil servants and not those who have failed British sport in the past, and ensure that adequate funding

Two-way traffic

From Mr Marcel Berenblut

Sir, It is ironic to hear and

read the comments of support-

ers of Blackburn Rovers in the wake of the sale of Alan

Shearer (report, July 30).
For some years now it has been Rovers, fuelled by the

money provided by Jack Walker, who have been the

predators, picking up the star players of Sheffield Wednes-

day (Warhurst), Norwich City

(Sutton), and Southampton (a

Complaints have been made

that people bought their sea-

son tickets, or their new Black-

burn shirts ("9 Shearer") on

false pretences. I don't remem-

certain Alan Shearer). etc.

ice hockey, our eight closest competitors average E1.3 million per annum in Government support (compared with our £30,000).

is applied to programmes. In

The academy is essential, but British sport will not succeed unless thinking goes beyond cricket and rugby and embraces all the world's elite sports, recognises the need for annual funding of athlete training and development, and is managed by those who really understand sport. Yours faithfully, FREDERICK MEREDITH,

President, British Ice Hockey Association. Tollgate House, Tollgate, Maidenhead Thicket.

From Mr C. J. Harrisson Sir, In your report of County Week lawn tennis (July 23) you

emphasise that more than 700 ordinary people take part. I did so from 1934 to 1956. excluding the war, and it was always the highlight of one's season. In those days one did not concentrate on a single sport, having played hockey and cricket for one's (minor) county.

The so-called academy of

sport is misnamed. Do we not need more children to have the opportunity to take part in sport - maybe up to County Week level rather than seek-

ing champions?

Can we not encourage all children who are interested to take part rather than hang Yours faithfully,

C. J. HARRISSON. The Garden House. Holbeach Hurn, Spalding, Lincolnshire.

ber much comment from those supporters when Norwich ns felt the same way about Sutton.

I wonder if these same fans will be complaining about the system when the £15 million comes to be reinvested and other teams lose their star players to the club which has proved itself a cynical user of the transfer system.

Yours faithfully, MARCEL BERENBLUT. 53 Corringham Road. Wembley Park, Middlesex.

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Jumping the starter's gun

From Mr Jonathan Palmer Sir, David Powell (July 29) was understandably heavily critical of Linford Christie's attitude in the face of his disqualification from the Olympic 100 metres. Yet it seems Christie has a point when he questions: "Who is to determine how quickly one reacts? They make a figure but

who is to say?"
We are told that to leave the blocks less than 0.100sec after the gun is considered a jump start and Linford went just 0.086sec after the gun. So he did start after the gun, but less than two hundredths of a second too early, according, apparently, to some arbitrary criteria.

Despite this being the nub of the issue no further explanation is proffered. One assumes that those who make the rules know their business, but could the mechanism of the start process be elaborated upon? How was this mini-mum possible reaction time established? And from exactly when does it start: an electronic signal that triggers the bang or the peak of the sound waves

themselves? Yours faithfully. JONATHAN PALMER. Netherwood. Southwater, West Sussex.

From Mr Brian Sacks Sir. David Powell, reporting on Linford Christie's exit from the Olympic 100 metres final, wrote that "it did not need the official reaction time figures to confirm what was obvious to the naked eye." All that was obvious to the naked eye was that Linford was the first to start and that this was significantly after the gun fired. it seems to me that the

starter holds the runners for a varying period, to avoid runners being able to guess or anticipate the gun. The variability is, say at least five seconds. If a runner were to attempt to anticipate the gun, simple mathematics indicates that there are two chances in 500 he will get it right and start within two hundredths of a second of the "official reaction time". 498 chances in 500 that he will get it wrong. With one false start to his name and knowing that another would bring disqualification, it is inconceivable that Christie

would try to pull a fast one. Christie has trained for years to perfect his start. It seems to me, on a mathematical basis, a virtual certainty that his fast start was a result of this training.

I trust that Powell will

advocate from now on the disqualification of anyone who ever sets a world record because, clearly, anyone who achieves something never achieved before in all history must be cheating. That seems much fairer than disqualifying anyone who has trained himself to react quicker than Yours faithfully.

B. SACKS, 53 Rowsley Avenue, NW4.

sightedness, self-interest and

discourtesy to touring teams,

in this case New Zealand. The New Zealand side have

already performed creditably

in Australia and have proved

worthy apponents in the one-

day series. There are obvious

Sales will have ample time

meantime and be proud to

represent his country and see if he can produce the goods wearing an England sweater.

Yours faithfully,

P. A. COOPER.

2) Windsor Avenue.

Sutton-in-Ashfield.

Nottinghamshire.

Cricketing conflict

From Mr P. A. Cooper Sir. It was interesting to read (July 29) of the predicament of David Sales, having scored a maiden first-class double century but being required to play for the England Under-19 side the week after.

to call first on a player who learnt much of his cricket while at Surrey and no doubt on England junior training sessions. He is quite rightly being talked of as a candidate for an England A tour and has been in a position to benefit from England age-group tours. How can England expect

benefits in playing both at home and abroad against opponents from different Northamptonshire wished countries, in different conditions, who adopt different attitudes to the game. to play county cricket and no doubt get weary of it. Leave him alone to appreciate a variety of experiences in the

other countries to provide suitable opposition to their sides overseas, if the feeling is that players should be pulled out of fixtures played in England against these countries? This reflects a high degree of short-

Strathclyde prepares for rowing celebration

ROWING

By MIKE ROSEWELL ROWING CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND will stage the biggest-ever world championships, which start tomorrow, at Strathelyde Park, Glasgow. Apart from a full junior championships of 14 events. usually an annual responsibility for just one country. Scotland will also be accommodating the three senior events and the seven lightweight events not included in the Olympic Games.

A total of 340 crews from 56 nutions are in the line-up. Racing starts tomorrow and continues through to the junior and senior finals at the weekend.

Strathclyde Park has been inspected by Fisa, the international governing body, who were satisfied with the facilities available after a new bridge to the finish tower had been built. This has revolutionised the safety and circulation arrangements that were criticised in the past. A previous lack of viewing

facilities has also been reme died by the creation of a tented area of high quality. and a temporary grandstand that has been brought to Strathclyde Park direct from the 18th green of the Open Championship at Lytham

Great Britain has 21 crews, li junior and ten senior, a total exceeded only by Germany and Italy. The ju-nior line-up includes ten athletes with past world participation, three of these being in the men's coxless four, the lead boat.

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JUNIOR TEAMS. Boys: Coxiess four, D. McLellan (Hampton), D. Queeley (S. Pauf's).

J. Keoch (Hampton), T. Stalland (Dundle).

Eight, M. Smith (King's, Canlectury), A. Scoon (King's Collogo School, R. Edwards (Kingston GS), A. Hagger (Hampton), D. Stalland, D. Smith, S. Pauf's), E. Rossell (Hampton), C. Garler (Berliord), Crastel four, W. Alexander, (Berliord), Crastel four, W. Alexander (Berliord), Crastel four, W. Alexander (Berliord), Crastel four, W. Alexander (Berliord), Stalland four, W. Alexander (Berliord), Stalland four, W. Alexander (Berliord), Committed four, D. Sanders (Res), J. You Mattrainin (Elon), D. Kuruphwa (Hampton), Condess pair, R. Sanders (RGS), Newt-astiu), M. Dodds King's, Cheston, Cludd south G. heland (Windson Boys), C. Hugili (Durham), A. Womer (Maddstons), M. Huntler (Popish) Double south J. d. Luzo (Martiala), T. Kingsweri (Norwerb), Grifs: Condess four, L. Fitzgibbon (Beorgo Watson's), L. Redinnap (King's), Condess pair, N. Scott (Nithtala), F. McDousgill (George Watson's), Cued south; S. Picce (Pengwern), F. Houghton (King's, Carlierbury), N. Ledger (Kingston), Double south; S. Edwards (Sourport), K. Hoten (Everhern)

Chester

Geing: good je irm 2.30 (77 2yd) 1, WIZARD KING (W Woods, 9-13 tay), 2, Checkevecka (Declari O Shea 13-2) 3, Star Of Zizal (K Falion, 11-4) ALSO RAN 11 Sabol (4tr) 4 ran 5l, 1-4, 1-4 M Prescott at Newmarket, Toto E1 70 DF, 63-20 CSF 64-57

3.00 (7 2vol 1, STATE FAIR (M Hills, 11-10 (Hev); 2. Hindsight (F Falion, 11-10 (Hav); 3, Danehali Prancess (F Lynch, 14-1) 3 ran 1, 3*4 8 Hist Tole £ 17 0 DF £ 10 CSF £2.27 Altire withdrawn, not under orders—rule 4 applies to all bels, deduction \$p in pound

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100-30 law), 2, Wembridge Lad 15 Sanders
7-11, 3, Champagne Grandy (P P Murphy,
12-11 ALSO RAN 92 Queens Consul,
Sagebrush Roller (Stin), 5 Cretan Gift (6th),
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4,00 (2m 21 147yd) 1, SEA VICTOR (B Doyle, 6-1): 2, Danying (M Hills, 8-1) 3, Embryonic (G Carrier, 12-1) ALSO RAN 13-8 fav Top Cets 5 Poarl Venture, 11-2 Candle Smilo (4th), 12 Remands Sun, Shadinven (6th), 16 Upper Minum Clarr (5th) 9 ran Ne, hd, 5l, 141 at J L, Horris at Metion Moutray Tol. et 8 Bg, (19 0, E2 0), E2 30 DF C5-40 Tror 658 90 C3F C51 42, Tmass E523 81

4.30 (1m 4) 66yd) 1, RASAYEL (J F Egan 5-1), 2, Campaspe (K Falton, 2-1 law), 3, HB Farm Dancer (form Wands 8-1) ALSO RAN: 11-4 Kristal Breeze (5th), 4 Socred Minror (4th) 5 tan 51, 3-1, 4, 9 P Evans at Wickshpool Tote: 65 30 E2 50, C1 40 DF E5 70 CSF £14,17

5.00 (61 18yd) 1, I GANTT REMEMBER (D Wingly), Evens law, 2, Foot Battalion (FLynch, 11-4), 3, Weet Ees Girl (D Griffiths

Placepot: £126.30. Quedpot: £35.20.

Newcastle

Going: good to lirm, firm in places. 2.10 (6f) 1. Perfect Blas (Dele Gloson, 3-1 (I-lav), 2. Goring For Broke (14-1), 3. Nostalgia Av (4-1) Rivona 3-1 (I-lav 7 ran 15), 1-1 P. Evans Tora £300, 52.40, £4.00 DF £18.70 CSF £35.87 2.40 (Im 41 93vd) 1, Exactly (T Wilharms, 4-1); 2, Carisch Star (11-10 tav), 3, Tossajoe (2-1) 4 ran 1al, 3 lsl J Eyre Tote £5 90 DF, £2 80 CSF £8 78

3.10 (7) 1, Multitone (J Carrol, 9-1); 2. Shournatara (6-11 fav), 3, Double Flight (4-1) 6 ran 2-1, 131 J Eustace Tole £16 20, £4 10, £1 10 DF: £8 50 CSF £16 3) 3.40 (6) 1, Blue Bomber (J Fortune, 9-4 lavi, 2, Pallium (25-1); 3, Ultra Beat (9-2) 3 ran Sh hd, sh hd G Moore Tote C3 40, C1 80, C3.50, C1.40 DF 128.00 Tnor C36 10 CSF £47.98 Sold for 4,600gns 4.10 (1ml 1, Imputative Ak (J Cunn, 14-1), 2, Hawksley Hill (6-4 lav), 3 Persan Fayre (20-1) 10 ran Mr. nk. E Waymes Tote (20-1) 70, 6280, 6170, 6430, DF 52870 Tnor C143 00 GSF 625,01 Tenast 6400,29

440 (Im 2) 32yd) 1, Hazard A Guess (Alex Greaves 4-1), 2, Troutedoù Song (4-1), 3, Nov Abson (8-1) Bulsara 6-4 fav 7 ran Ni, 134 D Nichols Tole 54-40; £1 70, £2 50 DF £7 70 CSF £18 54 Placepot £258.40. Quadpot: £11.90.

Lingfield Park Going: good to lirm, from in place, 2.20 (6) 1. Hawait (R Haits, 2-1 law) 2. Curzon Street (5-1), 3. Bowlidting Lady (33-1) (I ran Ni-1 to 8 Haits Tote (2-90)

6-1) ALSC RAN, 7-2 Wast For Rose (4th) 4 ran 1141, sh hd, nf. P Evans as Weishpool Tole: £2.00 DF £2.10 CSF, £4.11 2.90 DF £2.10 CSF, £4.11

2.50 (6) 1. Times Of Times (M Tebbut), 20-11, 2. Sea Danzig (16-1); 3. Kind Of Light (11-10 fav) 6 nan Nik, kil M Ryan, Tota, 20-70, 55.10, 53-00 DF: 550-10 CSF, £196.88

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3.50 (1m 2) 1, Another Time (D Biggs, 13-2); 2. North Reet (5-2 lav); 3. Vole Via (5-1), 7 ran 11, hd S Woods Tote £9 50; £3 50, £1 70, DF £13.50, CSF; £22 £3
After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.
4.20 (1m 6) 1, Durham (A Clark, 5-4); 2, Faugeron (Evens lav); 3. Lost Resulm (50-1), 6 ran 3/kl, 107 R Simpson Tote £2 70, £1 80, £1 10 DF £1.60 CSF £2.75 No bod
4.50 (71 140/d) 1, Our Shaddes (C Scally, 8-1); 2, Flag Fen (12-1); 3, Broughtons Turmol (7-2) Paddy's Rice 11-4 lav 15 ran NR Sir Oliver Nk, 11, K lovor Tote £10.40, £2 40, £3 40, £1 70, DF £61 70 Trie £72 90 CSF £91 80 Troast, £376 66
Jackpot: not won, [pool of £3,077.37 Jackpot: not won (pool of £3,077.37 carried forward to Ripon today).

Placepot £3.057.40 Quadpot £18.10. Darren Biggs was yesterday banned for two days (August 13 and 14) for careless riding on Another Time, but kept the Sunday Express Best For Sport Handicap race at Lingfield. Soviet Bride's jockey. Robert Havlin, had to snatch up in the final furlong.

SATURDAY'S DETAILS

Goodwood

Going: good to larm
200 (Im) 1, Hammerstein (Pat Eddory, 5-1); 2, Russian Music (7-2); 3, Kammtani (9-2) My Lewich 3-1 lav 9 tan 11/3 14 M Stoute Tote 24 40 £1 70, 1; 60, £1 40 DF £7 70 fro £3 10 CSF £20 £1 2.30 (7i) 1. Double Park (J. Roid, 4-1, Thunderer's nap) 2. Falls O'Moness (11-2) 3. Misty Cay (7-1). Golden Fact (1-4 tay 8 i am 21, 41 M. Johnston Toto 23.20, 21.30, 21.30, 21.80, DF 27.80, CSF (23.05 Tricas) \$122.30

3.10 (1m 2) 1, Last Second (G Duffeld, 7-4 lav) 2, Papering (6-1) 3, Arnaba (16-1) 8 ran, 21 ' 1 M Prescott Toto £2 40, £1 50, £1 60, £3 00 DF £6 40 CSF £11 72 3.45 (6) 1. Coastal Bluff (J. Fortune, 10-1 glav Richard Evers's nept 2, Double Bounce (10-1 g toy), 3, Sir Joey (20-1); 4, Bolsho (14-1) 30 ran, 3, 11-1 f Barron Toler 29-40 (2.35), 22-80, 65-00, 62-70, 07-625 70 Title 6215-50 CSF 699-32 Theast 61-821-83

£1.821.83
4.15 (1m) 1. At Liberty (Dane O'Noil. 5-2):
2. Loto (15-8 lavi. 3. Open Atlar (15-2). 5
ram 1-4. --1 R Henrion Tole £4.10.£2.00.
£1.20 DF £3.30 CSF £7.31
4.45 (6f) 1. The West (T Culm. 4-7 tay). 2.
Elegant Warming (17-2). 3 Marengo (25-1).
7 ram 1-4. 33-4 P Cole Tole £1.60 £1.30.
£2.00 DF £2.60 CSF £4.43.
5.20 (2m.4). 1. Centel Weber £7. Drovens. 22:00 OF 12:80 CSF 54:43.
5:20 (1m 4) 1, Cassad Water (5 Diregno 6-1), 2, Mr Browning (15-2), 3 Puce (13-8 Lav), 7 ran MR Romann Sh hd, 21-3), A Newcombe Tole, 27-30, 23:00, 22:90, DF 24:50 Into 519:40 CSF 256:27 Treast 71:39 White Sea (7-1) withdrawn not under orders — deduction 10p in pound teature 51: 132:60.

Quadpot: 25.80.

Jackpot £1,122.60. Placepot £13.00. Newmarket

3.05 (6) 1. Musical Pursuit (P Robinson, 11-4 fav); 2. Bachelors Par (20-1), 3. Olivo (3-1) 11 ran 41 nk, M Tomplane, Toto 53 50-51 60, 54 10, 51 40 DF 226 90 Tno 522 00 CSF R47 50

Tompkins Tole £5.50; £1.70; £1.60; £3.30 DF: £18.30 CSF £28.82 Tricast £303.62 4.10 (6) 1, Miss Stamper (D Hamson 5-2 lav) 2, Demolrion Man (11-4) 3, Utro Boy (8-1) 8 ran NF Halowing 27.1 % A Hamson Tote \$2.00 €1.30 €1.40 €2.50 DF: 64.20 Trio £23.10 €SF £10.25 Tricast £45.65

Incast £45.65 4.40 (1m 2) 1 Bardon Hill Boy (J Stack, 12-11, 2. Wille Conquer (16-1), 3. Clifton For (6-1) Cops Petro 5-2 fav. 12 ran. NH, 31 B Hanbur, Tole £14.10 €3.50 €4.60, £2.10 DF £105.70 fno £232.20 €SF £16.09 £176.as £1,163.30 118.3 Files 7 (1.183)
5 15 (Im 4) 1 Snow Falcon (M Fersion, 10 t) 2 Bronheim Terrace (9-2 p-lav) 3 Broydon (14-1) 4, Dashing Insactor (23-1) Riceborry Avenue 9-2 p-lav 16 ran Shind (14 IM Bell Tote £11-30, £1-90, £1-70, £3-40 £8-90 DF-£35-50 Tot-£87-50 CSF ES6-84 Tincars £299-66 Zhrin 31 605ec Alter a slewards Inquiry, result stood Placepot: £59-80. Quadpot: £47.50

Thirsk 2.20 1 Janib (11-4) 2 Fruitana (11-8 fav) 3. Jedi kneght (8-1) 9 ran 2.50 1, Tumbleweed Pearl (5-6 tav), 2, Just Visiting (10-1), 3, Skyers Flyer (33-1) 6

73.20 1, Tropical Beach (4-1 (-tav) 2, Kater (7-1): 3, Dominelle (11-2) My Godson 4-1 (-tav) Tan, NR Bricos 3.55 1, For Ahead (7-2), 2, Villoggiatura (5-2) 3, Champagne N Dreams (20-1) Rucaun Request 2-1 lay 6 run Husagn Heques (2-1 lav 6 ran 4.25 1 Mountgate (6-1), 2. Up in Flames (6-1) 3, Somerian Boy (11-4) Prie Ridge Led 11-8 lav 7 ran 4.55 1, With Care (10-1) 2 Chail Oust (8-1) favi, 3, Portuguise Li (8-1) 3 ran 5.30 1, Mill End Lady (6-1), 2, Nowlanda Corner (9-2) 3, Swith Natry (14-1) Barleys First 11-4 lav, 13 ran

Hamilton Park 5.50 I, Rossate Lodge (15-2) 2, Bolla Coola (12-1), 3, Str. For Luck (25-1) Sunday Med Too 7-2 lav. 10 ran 6.20 1 Nant Y Germer (25-1) 2 Kasser Kache (4-1), 3, William Wallace (3-1) Conadian Fentasy 1-2 lav 4 ran 6.50 1, Call Me (Evens tov), 2, Nose No Bounds (9-2), 3, Gulf Ol Stam (5-2), 4 ran 7.20 1, North Arder (4-6 (av), 2, Tilobi Blues 111-8); 3, School Of Science (20-1) 4 ren. 7.50 1 Natural Key (5-4 lav), 2, Patheze (5-1) 3, Navsani (20-1), 4 ran

8.50 1. Askern (7-4 (av); 2. Tissue Of Lies (6-1), 3. Lord Advocate (5-1), 8 ran Windsor

6.00 1, Ousen Of Shannon (25-11, 2 Oct-lem (14-1); 3, Little Ivenny (7-1), 4, Balpare (14-1). Acquittal 9-2 tav. 18 ran (14-1) Acquital 9-2 tav. 18 ran
6-30 1. Flame Valley (7-4) 2. Turning
Wheel r5-4 lav); 3. Upper Gallary (10-1) 14
ran NR Moume Mountains.
7-00 1. Mumilian (12-1) 2. Mansad (5-2 lav)
3. Shuwaidh (8-1) 21 ran Mara River (5-1)
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applies to all bets deduction 15p ar pound
After a stewards "inquiry, result stood.
7-30 1. WRG Ris (8-1) 2. 7 a. Arm (4-1) 3. 7.30 1 Wild Rite (8-1), 2, Te Amo (4-1), 3, Tarl (7-2) Monument 2-1 lev, 9 ran NR: Mountain Dream

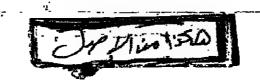
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8.00 1, Gone Savage (9-4 lav), 2, La Bete
Dominique (33-1), 3, Scored Again (14-1)
10 ran Malitou Man (11-2) withdrawn, not
under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets,
deduction 15p in pound Securior 15p in pound
8.30 1. Chil Liberty (11-10 lav); 2 Grand
Musica (20-1), 3, Derk Truffe (6-1) 17 ran
Press On Nicky 112-1) withdrawn, not under
orders — rule 4 appties to all bets, deduct
5p in pound

Newton Abbot 2.25 1, Always Happy (1-3 lav), 2, Bullben Belle (5-1), 3, Bon Bowden (11-2), 5 rafi 2.55 1 Indrapura (5-1), 2, Trade Wind (9-2) 3 Double Pendant (7-4 lav) 7 ran

3.30 1. Stapleford Lady (4-1); 2. Mordic Valley (9-4); 3. Duke Of Dreams (11-1) Heresthedeal 4-5 tav 5 ran 4.05 1. Dream Here (11-4 text), 2. Idom (3-1); 3. Cachhov Criss (7-2) 6 mm 4.40 1. Sohall 114-1); 2. Henley Regards (11-2); 3. Muskora (7-4 tay) 6 ran 5 10; 1. Country Street 4-6 may 2. Brod. 5 10 1, Country Ster (4-5 tev), 2, Roca Murada (3-1); 3, Re Roi (20-1) 6 ran Market Rasen

6.10 1, Iris Mon (3-1), 2, Silver Sispire, (10-11 lavr); 3, Popian (6-1) 8 ram.
6.40 1, Joll's Great (14-1), 2, Lotty Deed (12-1); 3 George Achirord (7-2) Yachi Chib 3-1 tav 11 ram.
7.10 1, Hizal (5-2); 2, Sassiver (4-7 lav); 3, Gheon (7-1) 4 ram. Gheat (7-1): 4 ran 7.40 1, Kernet (5-4 lav), 2, Home Coolen (4-1): 3, Kulmessan-Town (5-1): 8 ran 8,10 1 Drumstick (10-1), 2, Yagaran (5-1), 3 Maggots Green (9-4): Phoseil Bay 11-10 lav 6 ran

8.40 1. Field Of Vision (4-1), 2. Swerdate Lad (16-11, 3 Forgotter Empress (4-1) Sca God 9-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Ferrenck's Brothor.



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Barron takes race planners to task

ME STEED AN AUGUSTIN

of accident ng to happe WHEN a humble 1,500 guin-eas purchase earns £50,687 by running away with the Vodac Stewards' Cup, as Coastal Bluff did on Saturday, the natural progression would be to test the horse in Pattern company. But David Barron. who trains Coastal Bluff, cited a flaw in the programme yesterday for his preference to keep the improving four-yearold to handicap company.

Barron's philosophy is based entirely on prize-money. He maintained there was no

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SEA-DEER (4.00 Ripon) Next best: Give Me A Ring (3.30 Ripon)

Pachard Evens was in top farm on Saturday the happed the Sevands' Cup with Coastal Bull (10-1) and coupled a with Lies Second (7-4) for a new 30-1 double. Ha other witners included Double Park (4-1), who was respect by Thursdree, who Salam Musical gare Six Dome (9-2) and Musical gare Six Dome (9-2) and Musical gare Six Dome (9-2) and Musical Parkul (11-4) in his Newmarket TV guide.

sense in tackling group three races when the Ayr Gold Cup is worth three times as much. And he joined the growing chorus of trainers, both big and small, in challenging the British Horseracing Board's policy on race planning.

There is nothing for Coastal Bluff to gain from running in group races," Barron, who is based near Thirsk, said. "It is my duty to win as many races and as much prizemoney as I can. At the end of the day, honour is a smashing thing but you can't eat it.". At Goodwood, Coastal Bluff

THUNDERER

GOING: FIRM

BRIGHTON

5.55 Fort Knox. 6,25 Ricesso, 6,55 Chocolate Ice

7.25 Neily's Cousin. 7.55 Tatahhus. 8.25 Sylvan Princess.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 8.25 SYLVAN PRINCESS.

5.55 SOUTHERN FM APPRENTICES HANDICAP

C) 252 TALATHATH 15 (V) C Dayer 4-9-12 Jo Hansson (S) 98
(4) 0866 DELIGHT OF DAWN 11 (D.F.G) R Stronge 4-9-11
(1) 0254 FORT (NOX 9 (B.C.D.E.G) R Flower 5-9-4 C Adversor (S) 05
(S) 0006 SHAPP ROLLY 16 (B) D Stronger 4-9-1 South Michael (S) 98
(3) 4000 HANE A RIGHT 14 (D.F.G) C Dayer 9-7-1 (B) 98
(3) 4000 HANE A RIGHT 14 (D.F.G) C Dayer 9-7-1 (B)

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6.25 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND ALFRISTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: \$3,407: 51 59yd) (7)

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2-1 Riczson, 9-4 Ahrmshydt, 7-2 Florenties Diamond, 8-1 Feel A' Line. 18-1 liaminio. 25-1 Good News, 23-1 Midnight Timps.

6.55 DUKE OF NORFOLK MEMORIAL HANDICAP

1 (2) 43.44 MAJDAK JERREB 45 (5) W Hom 9-7. T Sprako 97 (6) 5024 CHOCOLATE 6CE 9 C Cyser 9-2. W J O'Corner 98 (6) 400 CALERA 6EE 26 J Dustop 9-0 G Duffield 92 (4) 1152 MINITA'S STAR 6 (DLF.S) D Markey State 8-13 T Custon 9 (1) 0253 ARCADY 12 P Wahen 8-10 . S Sanders 9 S (3) 6601 SENERAL GLOW 11 (C.F.) P Evine 7-10 . J F Egun 99

S-2 Mantek Joseph 11-4 Accept, 4-7 Chocotate (co. 9-2 German Giber, 6-1 Hilds's Sur, 14-1 Cusen Bio

7.25 A R DENNIS BOOKMAKERS SKY EVENING HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,934: 1m 1(209yd) (5)

7.55 DOWNS SELLING STAKES

7" (6) 8645 SAMARA SOME 12 (8) W S M Turner 3-9-0 D Sweeney (7) 84

8.25 SOUTH COAST RADIO LIMITED SKY

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPRS: H Thomson Jones, 4 winners from 13 runners, 30.8%: D Loder, 3 from 10, 30.0%, M Prescott, 17 from 57, 29 8%; J Dunkop, 18 from 72, 25.0%; P Evens, 3 from 12, 25 0%; R Hover, 7 from 32, 37 8%.

JOCKEYS: S Sanders, 10 womers from 50 rides, 20.0%. T Outon, 46 from 231, 19.5%; 6 Dutlinkt, 20 from 101, 19.0%, R Hughes. 10 from 52, 19.2%, M Featon, 6 from 47, 12.6%; M Henry, 4 from 33, 12.1%, Dane O'Nelli, 5 from 50, 10 ffs.

STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,381: 7(214yd) (9)

(3-Y-0: £3,695: 1m 3t 196yd) (6)

DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

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1.27

Y'S RACING RESULTS



Coastal Bluff, a 10-1 chance, leaves his rivals trailing in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood on Saturday

made a mockery of what is traditionally one of the most keenly contested sprint handicaps in the calendar. He took command more than two furlongs from the finish and was clear in a matter of strides, eventually crossing the line three lengths ahead of Double Bounce. He looked every inch a sprinter of group calibre, but

only an outrageous assess-ment by Matthew Tester, the official handicapper, will prevent the grey from contesting the Ayr Gold Cup on September 21.

"Whatever happens, we can't really complain after the way he has won." Barron said. The trainer added: "He is bound to climb towards the

top of the handicap but the horses below the top flight Ayr race is still a reasonable proposition. If we are eventually forced to go group racing, all well and good. Until then, we will avoid them." And Barron freely admits that, in his opinion, the leading Brit-

dard crop.

"When you go to the sales, do you want to buy a nice horse and then find trouble placing him? Or is it easier to buy a placer which you can run twice a week and pick up decent prize-money?"
Unlike some who take the

rity, he questioned the incen-tive to invest in anything but

the cheapest bloodstock.

race-planning department to task, Barron has worked the lower end of the racing game. He came to prominence on the all-weather but said the medium now caters predominantly for poor horses.

Willie Carson, who missed the whole of Goodwood through injury, is not expected to return to the saddle until the end of the week. The jockey damaged his back in a fall at Newmarket ten days ago and missed a winning ride aboard Bahhare at the same venue on

Saturday.

The John Dunlop-trained Bahhare closed in to 12-1 second favourite with Coral for next year's 2,000 Guineas after effortlessly winning the Hero Conditions Stakes in a time just outside the juvenile course record for seven fur-

longs.
"Sheikh Hamdan thinks Bahhare is still a bit weak, so he will have a short break," Angus Gold, the sheikh's racing manager, said. "He won't run for at least another month and will probably round off his year in the Dewhurst Stakes or the Racing Post Trophy.

A Woodman half-brother to champion miler Bahri.

addressing the public even

extends to race commentar-

As runners reach the home

straight, the gallery at Keeneland signals its appre-

ciation with a rising cheer,

immediately followed by gentle applause for the winner. Some believe that Kerneland

stages the most civilised mo-ing in the world in the To-To our mend at Good-

wood, it would be Hell on

earth. He should be sent there to experience the apo-

plexy he wrought on 95,560 visitors to Goodwood. Unlike

many of the favourites. he was full of running at the end

What, then, are the alterna-

tives to killing time between

races? Perhaps we could have dancing girls, with their twirl-

ing pom-poms and tooth-paste smiles. Or the Russian Circus, with performing seals

on highwires. In the event of rain, perhaps Sir Cliff Richard might sing to us about summer holidays. Anything

but that ghastly public address system blaring its pathetic platitudes.

...And we are very, very grateful indeed to the Put-

Up-A-Roof-At-Half-Price-

With-Nought-Per-Cent-Fin

ance-For-A-Year Company

Limited for their most gener

ous support of this race."
It was almost as if we were back in the rush hour at

Victoria Station, It was every-

thing we hoped to escape -

and found in abundance at

of five gruelling days.

ies. They are non-existent.

2.30 Faringdon Future 4.00 Ziggy's Dance 3.00 Palifum 3.30 Give Me A Ring 4:30 FLOATING LINE (map) 5.00 Radiant Star Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Serenity. 3.30 Kemari. 5.00 RADIANT STAR (nap).

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TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND ROUNDABOUT MAIDEN STAKES

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BETTIME: \$-4 Security 3-1 Famogram Future, 5-1 Intihigit, 5-1 Dunton Last, 8-1 Out Of Sight, One Boyele 10-1 Piles Chalce 12-1 attack. 1885: PRIVILEGED 9-0 K Fallon (11-4 y-les) Mrs. J Reporten 9 non

FORM FOCUS

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3.00 SEE-BAW SELLING HANDICAP (\$2,719: 51) (18 runners)

FORM FOCUS PALLIDIM. short hand 2nd to Blaze Bernber at Alexcastle yesterday, previously 2941 2nd of 11 to Sunday Mail Too in handicap at Ayr (St. good to firm) sigh RAMKARADAE (11b better at) 7941 Sta. GONDO 1141 6tb. WAYERLEY STAR (2tb better at) 5941 bits and NABCAST (15 to some at) 4491 11tb. GOOD TO TALK 121 10tb of 13 to Mail End Lady in matchen handicap at Thirsk (Rt. Brm). TOLING (261 1144 bits at 27 to Salvano Ethil in peation at Mewcastle (25, good to Brm). TIME TOKS ON 17941 4th of 5 to Bolke Jotson in

3.30 TOMMY SHEDDEN CHALLENGE TROPHY

(Handicap: 3-Y-0: £5,680: 1m 1f) (8 ninners) SETTING: 7-2 like Me A Ring, 4-1 Herother. 8-2 Kameri, 5-1 Halebed, 6-1 Sustitute, 8-1 Fleed, 10-1 other

1996: ROCKFORCE 9-7 R Hughes (5-2) M Chernon 6 can HERODIAN best Alpine Hidsenby 31 to 10-times and the hidsenby 31 to 10-times and 12 to

4.00 ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP

(Handicap: £8,623; 61) (17 runners)

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1995; ROCK SYMPHONY 5-9-2 R Cockyone (5-2 lar) W Hagges 6 cm

FORM FOCUS

4.30 BBC RADIO YORK HANDICAP (23,015: 1m 4f.60yd) (15 runners)

Long Immilican: Kindred Soneling 7-8, Kissnelim 7-4, Monte Cauc 7-3 BETTRICE 7-2 Floating Line, 5-1 Hamileon, 6-7 Husta La Vista, 7-1 Carolinan Fitupicody, 8-1 Hust Commis Hurble, 10-1 Edwn Damoir, 12-1 others. 1995: LDRD HASTIE 7-9-1 A Mackay (3-1) C Thomion 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

PLOATRNS LINE ZNI 3rd to Top Coes in Newmer-let handicap (1m 71, good to fam) OUTSTAYED WELCOME ZNI 3rd to Augustan in Cheeystow amalaus: tandicap (1m 41, good to fam). PASTA LA VISTA 51 4th to tota in Caterista handicap (2m, good to sort), HAWKSH 53ff 4th to Augustan to Top Coes (2m). Selection: OUTSTAYED WELCOME

5.00 go racing in Yorkshire maiden stakes (£3,745; 1m 2f) (9 runners)

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1995; NEWETTE 3-8-8 L Destori (4-5 lat) J Gosdon 4 ran FORM FOCUS

FOREST ROBBN 11 3rd of 10 to Trojan Risk in handicap at Kengton (im 1), good to limit permits start. ALTAMURA 51/4 3rd of 14 to Sasaru in matter start. RAQNANT STAR 23/4 3rd of 13 to Expensional in malden at Newscarted (im 21, good). TOTEM DANCER 73/4 3rd of 9 to Dacta to maiden at Newscarted (im 24 to Neisch House in arealden at Newsbury (im, good to Soil) on penutiti-

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS 29.2 24.0 23.6 18.8 16.7

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CARLISLE

THUNDERER 8.10 Spenish Verdict, 8.40 Clincher Club, 7.10 Alfayza, 7.40 Contraine, 8.10 Swino, 8.40 Marino Birenti

DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.10 SCANIA 4-SERIES HORSEPOWER/CARLISLE CHAMPION APPRENTICE HANDICAP

(£2,968: 7! 214yd) (6 runners) 1 1230 SPANSS-VEROKT 9 CD F. G.S. Duwn Smith 9-10-0 C Tengen 1 2 410 PRZEHGHTEN 12 (D.F.G.) 1 Fre 5-6-8. 0 Prince 6-3 0011 GENEROUS PRESENT 24 (CD.F.) 1 Prince 3-6-12. 0 Prince 6-4 4256 EURIS SCEPTIC 0 R (D.F.R.) 1 Estatory 4-9-8. R Harde 5-5 6000 BOSHDARY BIRD 44 (B) M Johnston 3-6-5. K Stad (S) 4 8 -040 NEVER SO TRUE 19 (F) M Wares 5-7-10. R Financh (S) 2 I-4 Senerous Presed. 5-2 PrizeSylaw, 3-1 Bura Scopilis, 6-1 Se

ctary Bird, 66-1 Naver So Trae 6.40 SCANIA 4-SERIES CLAMING STAKES

7.10 GRAHAM COMMERCIALS FOR SKY SCANIA LIMITED STAKES (£2,773: 8f 206yd) (13)

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1 0230 CE-JAY-AY 17 (D.F.B.S) J Berry 8-9-2. P Releasts (5) 1

2 5563 DENSER 24 (C.F.B.S) Derry Small 12-9-2. R Fallon 10

3 4050 DENSER 24 (C.F.B.S) Derry Small 12-9-2. R Fallon 10

3 4050 OLFANTSONTEN 2 F 6.5 D Netrolls 8-9-2. J Carroll 4

4 0-00 OLFANTSONTEN 2 F 6.5 D Netrolls 8-9-2. J Bearste (7) 1

5 0551 GLOSE RUMBER 10 (F) J J O'holf 3-8-13. T Williams 5

5 0000 CMALLICY 30 (8.5) A Mathemated 48-13. F Walton (7) 9

7 006- RAMBO'S RUMBER 10 (F) J Lived-Lyons 4-9-13. F J Control 13

9 0560 SUMMER WILLA 2 (0) 1 Holtzon 4-9-13. F J Porton (5) 7

10 0533 RIDCARTON 17 F Caber 3-8-10. M Birch 15) 12

10 0053 SUPPEMBER T T Estebrish 3-9-10. R Hordin (5) 12

12 0050 ALFAYA 27 (0.F) J Bothell 3-9-7. B Downe 2

13 4-66 THE BARNSLY BELLE 11 (8) J Lym 3-8-7. B Common 3-2

1-4 Recention, 9-2 Konflocke, 5-1 Supermake, 6-1 We Beauting Belle, 7-1

Denschen, 8-1 Sinber Ammer 19-1 Costally-1-9, 12-7 silbers.

(3) 5231 ANAK-RU 14 (V.S) Miss G Kalevay 9-7...... T Own (1) 5214 ALLSTARS EXPRESS 9 (D.B.F.F) 7 Noughton 9-5 1 Sprain 96 7.40 SCANIA 1986 TRUCK OF THE 3 (4) S014 MELLY'S COUSN 10 (F) N Calaghan 8-12 Denc O'Nest (3) 96
4 (5) 0300 SHELANA 11 T Mills 8-5 J Cornelly (7) 96
5 (2) 5-00 DUNCOMRE HALL 63 C Cycle 7-13 M Henry (2) 98
8-4 Anst-Ko, 2-1 Molify's Cought, 5-2 Affecting Express, 10-1 Stretume, 50-1 Dencombs Hall. YEAR HANDICAP (£3,518: 1m 4l) (5) 2-1 Combatine, 11-4 Dear Lille, 7-2 Mothum, 4-1 Land Advancage, 12-1 Master Hede

8.10 SCANIA 4-SERIES KING OF THE ROAD MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £2.846: 5f) (5) 1 5 CARRI DRU 21 lars 3 Ramanin 8-13 K Fallon 5
2 6222 SWINO 20 P Evans 8-6 J J Evanture 4
3 4 NORBRICK HOUSE 10 J Birry 8-3 J J Carroll 1
4 2023 REP ROMANCE 11 d Jurys Smith 8-3 L Clarrock 2
5 0005 THEWRIGHTONE 14 (8) G Oldroyd 7-12 J Lowe 3 5. (7) 5150 PEARL DAWN 5 (C.D.F.G) G L Moore 6-9-4 Dans (Third (3) (6) 41) -086 WADERS DREAM 27 (V.D.F.) Pix Militari 7-9-4 H Highes 75 5-4 Setro: 9-4 Horiseck House, 11-4 Rod Rumonce, 10-1 Care Die, 16-1 Thendightere

8.40 GRAHAM COMMERCIALS SCANIA KNOW HOW HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,801: 5f 207yd) (8) 1 1246 FARRY PRINCE 18 (COLP) Mrs A lising 9-7 F Lymich (3) 1 2 5001 OATEY 5 (F) Mrs J Rameden 9-7 (Zex) K Failton 5 3 5016 MARINIO STREET 11 (6) P Femm 9-5 J Fecturer 8 4 0430 MARINIO STREET 11 (6) P Femm 9-5 J Brich 3 5 4030 DOUGYS FOLLY 11 (8-7) M W Existedy 8-6 Date Glosom 7 6 0022 NEW LANDS CORNER 2 (8) J American 8-6 Date Glosom 7 7 0022 YA MARAHRA 15 J Pagns 7-10 D Winght (2) 2 9 0050 LORG CORRELIOUS 7 D Notem 7-10 Winght (2) 2

11-4 Cutey, 3-1 Pairy Prince, 4-1 Newbods Climer, 5-1 Marine Street, 6-1 Ya. Mariaba, 8-1 Doug's Felly, 10-1 others COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSCRS, Mr. J Remains, 13 movers turn 35 moves, 23 Fe, M Janeston, 15 mov 69, 21 7%, P Evens, 5 ton 28, 17 9%, J Berry, 18 tons 108, 16 7%, M W Easterby, 4 how 30, 13 3%, G Moore, 3 low 20, 10.7%. JOCKEYS: O Pears, 7 witners from 35 rights, 20 0%, B Weight, 3 Imm 18, 16 7%; G Parlan, 3 from 18, 16 7%; K Fallon, 15 from 95, 15.0%, J Caroli, 15 from 105, 14 3%, J Fortanu, 10 from 84, 11 9%

☐ Camporese, trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam and ridden by John Reid, was beaten a short neck by André Fabre's Helen Of Spain

LEADERS ON THE FLAT



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Over-zealous announcer spoils glorious occasion racing at Keeneland in Ken-JULIAN tucky, where the absence of

when it rains, but the sun prevailed in the battle of the elements. It can be heavenly when the favourites win but bookmakers prevailed in the battle with punters. It can be blissful in between races, when you may quietly con-template scenes of high sum-

good week spoiled.
So validat Week the shopping stalls that you might have replaced your entire collection of sporting prints. You could have bought a black silk topper, as did one trainer's wife, presumably for her husband. Or a car, or even a boat.

Had you looked hard enough, you might even have purchased a complete refur bishment of your kitchen: Yet what was urgently required was nowhere to be found. Any sharp-witted vendor would have made a killing selling earplugs.
By far the most unpopular

man at Goodwood was the one assigned to the public address system. How he rel-ished his role. How seriously he took his responsibilities. How he loved the sound of his own voice. How he nauseated. Granted, it is nice to keep the public informed, but this was ridiculous. Just about the only advice he failed to relay was to the man in the blue blazer: "Would he kindly stop and retie his shoelaces lest he should trip

There was to be no hiding



recrive minimal reward is

widely shared by his contem-

poraries. Barely a day passes without one of the sport's

professionals penning criti-

cisms of these inadequacies to

the trade press. But Barron

the dilemma facing trainers at

Racing Commentary

entered the course. It perm ated every conversation. On Thursday, on visiting the gentlemen's room, I discovered a man seeking sanctuary as he contemplated an immensely difficult Tote Jackpot. "If I scoop the pool," he told me. "I will pay that man never to come here again." He failed. The announcer reappeared on Friday, irritatingly freshened by a night's

Racecourses appeal as venues for relaxation. Around the paddock, there is pleasure in the sound of polite ap-plause for the winning con-nections. There is pleasure in the sound of hooves on parade before racing. There is an even greater pleasure in the sound of silence. For these

NEWTON ARROW

THUNDERER 2.15 Indrapura. 2.45 The Black Monk. 3.15 Southerly Gale. 3.45 Missed The Boat. 4.15 Denomination. 4.45 Noblely. 5.15 Kallash.	. 5 W13 6 06- 7 600 8 P51 3-1 Vente L With We, 7-
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Professor causes stir with remarkable discovery



Professor Downing displays the 13lb 8oz brown trout

A one of the leading London hospitals has caught a one of the leading London brown trout weighing 13lb 8oz from a river. The witnessed capture of such a fish - it may well prove to be the largest river-caught brown trout this year - is enough to grab

attention at any time.
When one is told that the fish came from the Kennet in Wiltshire, and the small and mostly shallow upper reaches of that river, then the attention is even greater. When one hears the fish rose to a size 16 dry fly. two or three of which could sit on a fingernail, incredulity creeps in.
But there is more. This fish was

taken on a size 16 dry fly, fished on a 3lb breaking-strain leader. More precisely, it was taken on a size 16 dry fly fished from a 3lb breakingstrain leader that had a wind knot in it - a knot calculated to reduce even its nominal strength by 30 per cent or more. It is a series of improbabilities fit

claim that a humorist might compile to illustrate the stories some anglers tell, and many a laugh it would raise Yet it is all true. The fish -

to disjoint the mind: the kind of

whether stocked fish or not in these circumstances is almost immaterial

Hermon Dowling, who is Professor of Gastroenterology at Guy's Hospital. Professor Dowling wanted to keep his fish. He called to enquire about a reliable taxidermist. It was only in the course of the ensuing conversation that the extraordinary details of the capture came to

This story must rank as one of the most bizarre fly fishing tri-umphs of recent years. Professor Dowling's fish was hooked, played and landed in the open river, albeit by an experienced angler, who makes something of a speciality of light-line fishing. Most anglers would not attempt to play a 13lb 8oz brown trout on a 3lb leader if they knew the beast had heart trouble and was lying anaesthetised in the

Such a fish deserves more than simple preservation in a glass case, perhaps with its weight and date of capture on the front. It needs the whole story in some way preserving so that all might marvel: who caught it, where and how; the details of the fly, the leader, the knot; the races up and down the bank to keep pace with its runs; the way its doubled-up weight nearly broke the net, the way the fly fell

Brian Clarke reports on

the unlikely capture of

of a fish worth keeping

from the fish's mouth the moment

the frout was on the bank Certainly, it should not be aban-doned to the fate of most glass case fish. Too often, fish in glass cases are reduced to anonymity. Junk shops, auction rooms, the walls of fishing hotels and some pubs are draped with such sad sights. There is simply the fish in the case with, perhaps, a line of peeling gilt that illuminates nothing.

et, like Professor Dowling's trout, every cased fish is likely to have been, for one reason or another, the highlight of some angler's life. Mostly, the reason will have been the fish's exceptional size. But not always. There are a lot of quite modest fish in glass cases that someone has ne to the considerable trouble of having preserved.

We rarely know the reason. In most cases, we can never find out. Fish in glass cases do not always stay with their captors and often

outlast them. Separated from the living story of why it was kept, what made it so special, a fish loses identity and meaning: a sublime creature is reduced to mere furniture. Perhaps even a moment of

angling history is lost. Yet what angler has not looked up at a fish in a case and wanted to know more? What angler has not wondered whether this anonymous monster — if it is a monster — was a known fish stalked and deceived or simply a whopper that came out of the blue? Who has not wondered what made it so special to someone that he spent hundreds, maybe thousands of pounds on having it

I only once felt compelled, like Professor Dowling, to put a trout into a glass case. I caught it years ago. It. too, came from a small stream. I kept it not so much for its size — it was a fine fish though nothing like the Kennet corker but because of the way it was caught and because, in catching it. I experienced a hair-raising moment of an extraordinary kind.

That moment - the details of it are not relevant here - was as intimately linked to the fish as the fly which seduced it. I wanted to

in a case. On the outside is the fish's weight, date and place of capture and my name. Inside the case. pinned to the back, is a panel carrying the neatly-printed story of the capture — what the fish did, what I did, what it did next: and a description of a moment that, in the remembering, can still bring up the hairs on the back of my neck.

brown trout of 13lb 802 caught on a size 16 dry fly on a 3lb leader with a wind knot in it deserves no less. If I were Professor Dowling, I would have all the traditional stuff on the outside of the case, in gilt. Inside, I would have the remarkable story of

its capture, set out in some way.
I would also have in there the size 16 dry fly which the great fish, against all odds, lifted and sipped in and, still attached to the fly, that whisp-of-nothing leader complete with its knot. A hundred years from now, the size of that fish alone is guaranteed to attract attention. The story and that leader will bring its capture back to life.

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Westwood finds an extra special touch of class

FROM MEL WEBB IN GOTHENBURG

THE past three months have seen Lee Westwood produce a run of form that comes only rarely in the course of a career, and yesterday he took a giant extra stride when he claimed his maiden PGA European Tour victory. Westwood was the youngest member of a three-man play-off for the Volvo Scandinavian Masters title, but displayed the coolness of a veteran to win at the second extra hole.

Westwood was pitted against Paul Broadhurst and Russell Claydon, with whom he had tied on 281, seven under par, following matching 68s, a shot in front of Santiago Luña and three ahead of Jean Van de Velde.

Broadnurst went at the nist extra hole, driving into fairway sand and failing to make par from eight feet. Claydon was also looking for his first win but is much more experienced than Westwood. In the end experience counted for nothing. Westwood, 23, from Worksop, put his second shot three feet wide of the green on the right after Claydon had finished on the putting surface 30 feet from the hole. An extraordinary shot would be needed to win, and Westwood

found one. A powerful case could have been made for a chip and run if the safety of a par was the objective, but Westwood wanted none of that. He boldly

ball. It rolled, made one tiny skip then rolled on. Westwood's expression changed five times in as many seconds. and the last one was unalloyed joy as the ball dropped from all of 50 feet. Claydon's effort missed by six inches. It was all

The winning putt was the crowning moment of a hotly-contested last day, and the

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281: L Westwood 69, 75, 69, 68 (won play-cit at second extra hole), R Claydon 68, 71, 74, 66: P Broadhurst 72, 70, 71, 68 282: S Lutja (Sp) 67, 71, 76, 66, 284: J van 71, 73, 70, 71, 298; R Woseels (SA) 73, 72, 72, 72, 69, P Welfon 77, 69, 70, 70, C Sunesco. (Sp.) 72, 72, 71, 71; S Bottomley 74, 74, 66, 73; T Bjorn (Den) 67, 68, 78, 75, 287; P Fulle (Swe) 71, 73, 66; P Nyman (Swe) 70, 78, 71, 68, M Martin (Sp) 68, 72, 77, 70; C Montigomeris 69, 78, 72, 70, F Roca (Sp) 70, 71, 74, 72; S Grappasonni (It) 70, 70, 73, 74, Other scores: 288; J Daly (US) 71, 71, 78, 70, 290; (Woonstein 68, 78, 72, 70, 298; B Langer (Ger) 74, 74, 75, 70, 298; B Langer (Ger) 74, 73, 77, 72

climax, too, of a remarkable sequence of powerful finishes by Westwood, especially in the light of what preceded it.

In the first ten weeks of the season Westwood's highest finish was a tie for fortieth. and he made only a fraction more than £7.000. Then, during a two-week break at the beginning of April, he found a new coach, Peter Cowen, the

a long, smooth stroke on the his fortunes changed almost

In the 13 weeks before this tournament he had eight finishes in the top 12, and had moved from 121st in the European order of merit to sixteenth. The £116,660 he won here has promoted him to fourth with almost £270,000. Improvements do not come much more dramatic than

John Daly, putting in an expensive guest appearance at Forsgårdens, made an infinitely better fist of it than he had at the Dutch Open a week earlier, when he handsomely missed the cut and scored 89 in the second round.

He had been complaining all week of detug number of find a driver that suited him. and the task became impossible after the 7th, primarily because he threw the offending club away. A nearby pond was chosen as its last resting place, but it was not there long, a small Swedish lad beating a gaggle of youthful competitors in a soggy contest to salvage a valuable souvenir.

"That was a whole lot better," Daly said. "My main objective now is to get back together with the driver - it's the most important club in my bag. I think we've got the problem licked, though." It is just as weil, perhaps - lobbing £500 clubs into the drink become an expensive



Westwood's first victory on the European Tour saw him leap to fourth in the order of merit

unsheathed his putter and put professional at Lindrick, and Webster wraps up amateur championship in style

By Patricia Davies

IT WAS the birdies that did it. Throughout the 66th English Amateur Championship at the Notts Golf Club, Hollinwell, opponents of Shaun Webster had found that par golf was not good enough and, in benign conditions on Saturday, the 19-year-old from the Ifield Club, in Sussex, had eight more birdies as he defeated Denny Lucas, of Worksop, by 6 and 4 in the 36-

Wearing a jazzy T-shirt from the Hard Rock Café in

Atlanta under his white golf shirt, Webster, a semi-finalist last year, was quickly in tune. winning the 1st and 3rd holes with birdies. He lost the 2nd to a par but Lucas, 19, discovered that, in general, pars were not enough to wobble Webster.

Webster was one up at the turn and, by the 17th, he was four up after four birdies in eight holes. Lucas had a chance at the last but bunkered his second shot after Webster had ended on the practice putting green and they halved the hole in five. After lunch, Lucas, whose Michael Brooks, from Carluke, comfortably won the Jand B Scottish Amateur Championship at Dunbar on Saturday, beating Allan Turnbull, from Innerleithen, in the final by 7 and 6. Brooks. 24, covered the course in three under par in windy conditions. In the Welsh Amateur Championship at Ashburnham, Yestyn Taylor beat David Park by 3 and 2

supporters included clubmate Mark Foster, winner of the title in 1994 and 1995, won the 3rd with a birdie four but he looked tentative. At the 8th, where Hollinwell's holy well is located, he scrambled a half after driving into the trees, but it was not to signal divine

restoration, for Lucas had chances to win the 9th, 10th and 11th and missed them all. The 9th was particularly cruel and demoralising. Lucas hit his tee shot to eight feet and Webster hit a poor shot into the bunker on the right but

holed the putt. Lucas missed his and people started muttering about turning points.

The Nottinghamshire lad, who hopes to follow Foster and Lee Westwood, another Worksop man, into the professional ranks next year, was one under par for 29 holes but three down, and at the 30th his game succumbed to the strain. He lost the hole to a par four from a bad drive; at the next, a majestic par three of 236 yards. Webster hit the green with a four-iron from the

over the back into a tangle of trouble and Webster did not have to putt to go

At the 32nd, Webster hit a wedge to 15 feet and Lucas's second bounded off the green and ended beside a tree. "We could do with some of Severiano's rabbit droppings." Lucas's caddie said. knowing the end was nigh. Webster, with two putts to win, ended his week in champion style with yet another

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Corser leads chase for Super Bike title

TROY CORSER, of Australia, took a step closer to the World Super Bike motorcycling championship with his fifth win of the year yesterday at Brands Hatch. Corser, on a Ducati, retired from the first 25-lap leg with a seized engine. but came back to dominate the second leg. Carl Fogarty, the defending champion from Britain, was lifth in the first leg. but crashed out in the second.

Fogarty has struggled since switching from Ducati to Honda and has managed only two victories so far over the quicker Italian machines. After yesterday's first race he said: That was the best I could do. I was hanging on in there for everything I could get. I'd like to get a better result for the crowd at least. They were going wild every lap and I was only in fourth or fifth place."

Alex Criville, of Spain, created an upset in the Austrian 500cc motorcycle Grand Prix in Zeltweg when he snatched a last-lap victory from Michael Doohan, of Australia, the world championship leader. It was Criville's first grand prix victory of the season.

Mallon in front

GOLF: Meg Mallon, of the United States, held a one-stroke lead after the third round of the Du Maurier Classic golf tournament in Edmonton, Alberta, her three-under-par 69 giving her the narrowest of advantages over Karrie Webb. of Australia, and another American, Pat Hurst, The European challenge was being led by two Swedes — Liselotte Neumann, who shot 67, and Annika Sorenstam, who carded a 69 - four shots off the lead.

Triples team beaten

BOWLS: England's team of Wendy Line, Jean Baker and Mary Price, lost their unbeaten record in the fourth qualifying round of the women's world championship triples at Learnington Spa yesterday when they were beaten by Guernsey 16-10. England's group rivals, South Africa, and Scotland, the holders, both won. In the pairs, the holders. Phillis Nolan and Margaret Johnston, of Ireland. lost 21-13 to Papua New Guinea.

C S Brooks triumph

POLO: The Goodwood week contest for the 18-goal Cowdray Park Challenge Cup was concluded at Midhurst, Sussex, yesterday, with an 8-7 victory for C S Brooks, in extra time (John Watson writes). Their opponents, West Sphere. were three goals ahead by treading in time, but C S Brooks railied strongly to draw level just before the fifth chukka. CS BROOKS: 1, A Bucharan (40), 2, C Berostord (6); 3, M Vidou (7), Back, M CS BROUNS: 1, A GUARDA (1), Rutherford (1), Back, A Kirby (2) WEST SPHERE: 1, R Lee-Uli (1), 2, A Ment (7); 3, J Bolkni (8), Back, A Kirby (2)

McKay outsprints rival

CYCLING: Mark McKay, the Team Ambrosia professional from Northampton, outsprinted former double Commonwealth champion Paul Curran to win yesterday's 119-mile Tour of the Cotswolds road race. They were the survivors of an original II-man break, which formed after only 15 miles. and McKay put in his winning attack on the last climb of the day, 17 miles from the finish. For the second year running. third place went to Colin Langley.

McNally posts victory

BOWLS: Pat McNally, the 55-year-old Borders postman, took the Rosebery Trophy back to his Earlston club for the first time in its 115-year history when he won the Scottish singles championship at Ayr Northfield on Saturday, beating Jim Byron, from Westermains, 21-9 in the final. McNally picked up eight shots over the opening four ends, led 12-5 after ten ends and then moved clear with successive threes. He scaled victory four ends later with a single.

RUGBY UNION: SOUTH AFRICA CELEBRATE TRI-NATIONS VICTORY WHILE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE TOURNAMENT HANGS IN BALANCE

Stransky provides kick-start for tough schedule Decision day for five nations'

South Africa

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SOUTH Africa, the World Cup holders, have been slow to register their first success in the inaugural tri-nations tournament but, third time lucky. they did so in Bloemfontein on Saturday. They now face four internationals in four weeks against New Zealand, who have already wrapped up the

tournament. The first of that quartet, in Cape Town next Saturday, is the final tri-nations match, while the three which follow form the focal points of the All Blacks' tour of South Africa. intensity British players will find difficult to conceive, though Ian McGeechan, the coach on the British Isles tour to South Africa next year, will do his best to prepare them. McGeechan is due to watch

the internationals in Cape Town and Durban as part of the Lions' pre-tour planning. though he has already been interested to see, via television, that none of the southernhemisphere giants have been able to live up to the example set by New Zealand in their opening tri-nations match the 43-6 rout of Australia.

Australia have recovered manfully from that hiding but have not found the key to winning matches. The Australia scrum is not as solid as those of, say, 1984 or 1991, but Eales will not be quelled at the lineout and South Africa turned over far more loose ball in Bloemfontein than they expected. However, the midfield mix foundered upon a South African defence that will be a formidable threat even to the All Blacks.

Is Howard's best position stand-off half or centre? Surely a place must be found for Roff who, when he replaced Burke at half-time, added a fresh dimension? Has Campese an international future or is he doomed to linger in the history books on 99 caps? It is one of life's ironies that Campese, the great entertainer, is now used primarily as a tactical kicker by his coach.

Australia's problems are

those of personnel, South Africa's of style. Any watching Englishman would have recognised the game plan of a side kicking relentlessly from half back until they gained a toehold in the Australia 22: the ball seldom moved further than Mulder in the centre and the South African scrum even took a further leaf out of England's book by examining

pushover opportunities. Such pressure gave Stransky the chance to win the match; six penalty goals from seven attempts soared between the posts and the Western Province stand-off half also converted his own try. Since their squad has been afflicted by a gastric problem, perhaps a limited South Afri-

can approach was appropri-

ate, and they were hanging on grimly as Australia scored a late try through Tune.

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REPRESENTATIVES of Wales, Scotland and Ireland will meet in Cardiff this eve-

ning to pass judgment on what one Rugby Football Union (RFU) official described as "fair and reasonable" proposals from England, designed to end the increasinglyfractious dispute over broadcasting rights and England's threatened expulsion from the five nations' championship (David Hands writes).

it is a dispute which cannot run much further either a compromise is reached or a split, damaging to every country, will become reality. The most likely scenario in the confidential document sent from the RFU to Cardiff, Edinburgh and Dublin is that England place a larger sum — say. £30 million — into an exclusive five nations' por, yet leave themselves enough to finance Twickenham and the game in England at large. It is for the other three

countries to determine whether that is sufficient for the time being, or whether a binding agreement over future television negotiations must be ground out. It would help the RFU mightily were BSkyB, the satellite teleivison company part-owned by News International, owners of The Times, able to offer news of a terrestrial partner which is fundamental to the contract struck with the RFU.

Ironically, there is probably greater unity among the RFU negotiating team than at any other stage this year, as a

result of last Tuesday's angry five nations' meeting in Cardiff. There have been concessions but England can only retreat so far without compromising the financial arrangements they believe are imperative to the wellbeing of the whole English game.

But, whatever the outcome, England are committed to strengthening their fixture list. England have to make certain they stay in the first tier of international rugby," one RFU officer said. "The players and management are urging us to take that on as part of our

They are saying, don't ask us to play every four years against the southern-hemisphere countries and expect us to be up to that level."



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Southerd 117: 2, Woking 109 5: 3, Thurrock 103; 4, Woodford Green 101; 5, Ealing, Southell and Middleson 96 5, Tenholdge (selected winners): 100m; J. Livingston (Shaftsbury Burnot) 10 Seec. Discus: M. Davis (Tonbridge) 47:50m. Hammier: G. Holder (Bedey) 58 0m; Doding Bec (selected winners): 800m; D. English (Hawering Mayesbrook) 1mm 51.8sec. Triple jump: A. Oyediran (Heime Hall) 47:98m. Hammier: A. McNichelas (Beddord) 55:56m. Match result: 1, Northis Olympaids: 134, 2. Heime Hall 117; 3, Hawaring Mayesbrook 112, 4, Bedford 108; 5, Bournemouth 68. Leading standings after 5 matches 1, Basingstole and Med Harts: 25; 2, Nortolk Olympaids: 23; 3, Havering Mayesbrook 23; 4. Hichaele

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Hyde 1 Bury 1: Lame 1 Destington 4: Leyton
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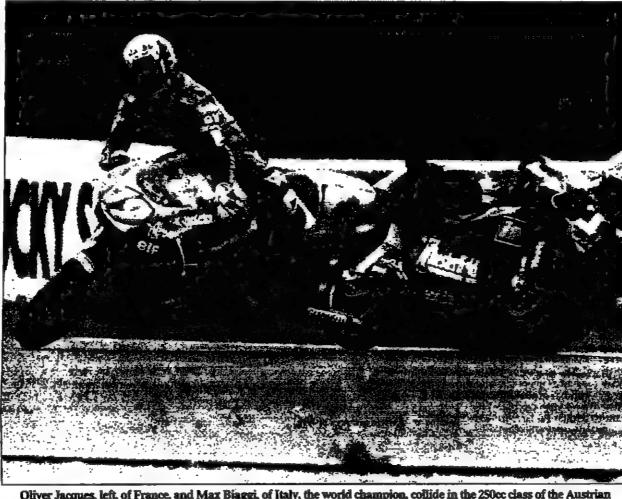
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Oliver Jacques, left, of France, and Max Biaggi, of Italy, the world champion, collide in the 250cc class of the Austrian motorcycling grand prix. The race was won by Ralf Waldmann, of Germany, riding a Honda. Photograph: AFP

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ionship (al Leamington Spa) EOUESTRIANISM: Royal Dublin horse show (at Ballsbridge) GOLF: McDonald's WPGA championship

jat Gleneagles); insh amateu chempionship (Royal County Down).
MOTORSPORT: Auto Tracter/RAC touring car chempionship (at Outon Party; Formula Three championship (at Snetteron).

ROWING: World championships (at Searcycis)

SPEEDWAY: Prever Langue: Scottish Monarchs ∨ Hull (8.30) Conterence Langue. Burton ∨ Ryde (3.0); Wildenhall 9 Berwick (3.30) Challenge Red Cross Fours (Skingbourne. 2.0)

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11.0, final day of tives CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v SECOND XI CHAMPIONS-BP (first day of three): Cheaterfield: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire; Seaton Careev: Durham v Lancashire; Porthypridd: Glamorgen v Esec; Bournemouth SC; Hampshire v Sussec; Harrow CC; Middlesek v Kant, Notingham High School: Northghamshire v Leicestershire; The Ovat: Surrey v Northemptonshire; Studiery Warvictshire v Somerset; Worcestershire v Yorkshire.

POOTBALL Kick-off 7:30 unless stated PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Certiste v Stoke (7 45); Chestsey v Barnet; Derry Institute v Darlington (7 0); Dover v Southend (7 45); Ertiliel v Totenham: Savenego v Brest-lord; Cernloridge United v Charlton (7.45).

OTHER SPORT BOWLS: Women's world outdoor champ-80MLS: Women's world outdoor chang-lonship (Learnington Sps)
RACING: Brighton (5.55); Certisid (8.10);
Newton Abbot (2.15); Papon (2.30).
SALLING: Strandis Lie Cowes week.
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Exster v
Peterborough (7.30); Reading v Hull (7.30);
Woherhampton v Covertry Conference
League; Fours: Ryde (loW) v Eastbourne v
Stingbourne v Swindon (7.0)

TOMORROW CRICKET TOUR MATCH (one day): Chelmston Essex v South Africa A

FLIGBY LEAGUE ERNATIONAL MATCH: 5 FOOTBALL

LIEFA CUP: Preliminary round, first leg-Budapest Vasutas FC v Barry (5.30), FC Kosaca v Cellic (4.0); Zhalgris Vilhula v Abardeen (4.30).
PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Bristol City v Bristol Rovers (7.45); Bromsgrove v Here-tord (7.45); Fultern v Cusers: Park Rangers (7.45); Sretha v Carsicis (7.0); Inter Cardid v Cardiff: Milheall v Liverpool (7.45); Roth-arham v Bottom (7.45); Rushdon and Demondas v Assenal (7.45); Rushdon and Demondas v Assenal (7.45); Scurificope v Bensiey; Waldord v Oxford United (7.45), Wolverhampton v Hamburg (7.45), Wys-ombe v Southampton (7.45); Lesk v Cresie. OTHER SPORT

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BOWLS: Women's world outdoor championship (at Learnington Spa)
EQUESTRIANISM: Royal Dublin house
show (at Balabridge)
RACING: Briginen (2 0); Calbenck (2 15).
ROWING: World championships (at
Strathclyde)
SAILING: Skandia Life Cowes week. WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL FOOTBALL
EUROPEAN CUP: Qualifying round, finst
leg: Rangers v Spartak Vacrikatvikaz (8.0).
PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Altrochem v
Manchester United XI, Barnet v Crystal
Palace (7.45), Huddersfield v Leeds (7.45),
Rettering v Leicester (7.45), Mossiev v
Halifact, Shiddon v Darlington (7.0), Southand v Totenham (7.45); Stevenage v
Withbledon, Hayes v Swindon; Cambridge
United v Challan (7.45)

CRICKET
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of four): Southport
Lancashine v Surrey. OTHER SPORT BOWLS: Women's world outdoor champ-BOWLS: World of the property o

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SPEEDWAY: Promier Laugue: Hull v
Orbord (7.30), Long Eaton v Eastbourne
(7.30), Poole v Bradlord (7.30). THURSDAY CRICKET

SECOND CORNEYLL TEST MATCH (first day of Sve): Headingley: England v Payletan Palistan
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (list day of tour): Swensee:
Glamorgan v Lelesstershire; Southempton:
Hamparher v Gloucessershire; NorthampIon: Northamptonshire v Middlesse; Taunion
Somerset v Essax; Hove; Sussex v Derbyshire; Edgbanton Warwickshire v Durham. **PCOTRALL**

EUROPEAN CUP MINNERS CUP Duni-lying round, first log: Glertorum v Sparta Proque (at The Oxel, Beltest); Llamandrium v Ruch Chrozow (at Westsam PC); Ried Star Belgrade v Heerts (5:30), Shelbourne v FK Brenn (7:45) SCOTTISH CHALLENGE CUP: Rest round Dunder v Sternmassmath Hamilton v St Minne PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Brorriey v Charton; Cardiff v Tottonhart, Chebanham v Stoke; Exper v Manchester CNy (7.45); Gala Fairydean v Carlisle; Oxford United v Southernpton (7.45).

VICTORIA: Second division: E Brunswick 1 Knox City 3; E Richmond 2 Regent 2, Frankston P 2 East Altona 1, Nunewading 1 Bell Perk 2: Deideigh 0 West Vale 1; S Dendending 4 Moorbobark 1. Waverley 1 Al-tona City 4 Third division Crarbourne 3 Ringwood C 2: Diamond V 1 Bertyule 1; Fizzoy 6 S Wentbee 0; Prankston 0 S Springvale 0, Kellor 0 Chelsee 0; Mel-bourne C 4 Pascoe Vale 1; S Cautifield 3 Cilifon Hill 0. Fourth division: Geelong 2 Seaford Ulid 2: Lalor 2 Corlo 3; Sun Heights 1 N Coburg 2; Sunbury 1 Sion-

BOWLS: Women's world outdoor champ-ionatile (at Learnington Spa). CYCLING: Stay Sports grand paix (in Eusgone) Experience of the Spanie Con-trol (in Ballebridge). EDUESTHAMERIC: Hold, Ducker words show (as Balebordes).
GOLF: McDonato's WPGA champlanthip (at Germanica: Harmiton Park (6.05); Pomeraci (2.45), Yarmouti (5.50).
ROWING: World: champlonships (at Statisticide).
GAUING: Stantout Life Cours and SPEEDWAY: Premier Leegue: London v Swindon (7:30); Middlesbrough v Belle Vus (7:30), Shelliald v Peterborough (7:45).

FRIDAY CRICKET TOLIR MATCH (first day of fourt: Wo FOOTBALL PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Committee of Transmire: Enfelt V Burner, Futham V Rend-ing (7,45); Richmond Town V Dertregton (30); Scarborough v Boston; Watlord v Cambridge United (7.45). OTHER SPORT

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Jennai Cox tries sport aerobics, the dynamic new exercises that mimic the actions of our sporting heroes



A sport aerobics class demonstrates a volleyball-style exercise

A workout with Gazza, Agassi and Linford

hile aerobics has still not made it to the that have, football, tennis and athletics, are now being added to aerobics. It has undergone a drastic dance-to-music days of the 1960s.

By introducing steps, boxing gloves, even a swimming pool, aerobics today bears little resemblance to the original class taken by Jacki Sorrenson, from the United States. 30 years ago. That class was the first attempt to set to music exercises inspired by the bestselling book, Aerobics, by Kenneth Cooper, the US Air Force surgeon, in 1968.

The new "sport aerobics", designed to develop footwork, power. speed, strength and agility, takes exercise into another dimension. Movements from different disciplines are named after heroes of the sports field so that "Agassi" tennis forehands or "Gazza" football headers are woven into the rhythm

Eight million people regularly attend aerobics classes in the UK and the new version was enthusiastically received when it was launched last October by the Puma Cross Training Group, which promotes aerobics and other sports

The vigorous format can be



adapted as an introduction to a new sport, to improve technique or be used as preparation for someone returning to sport after rest or injury. For those who find aerobics in any form a turn-off, the same principles can be applied in a circuit-type class, which the promoters hope to develop for schools.

The attraction of aerobics for many, especially women, is that it can be done alone. Home videos still sell in their thousands. The warm-up of the class I joined at Pools on the Park in Richmond. Surrey, however, was interactive. Building on the idea of a volleyball game, we jogged in two sets of squares, then jumped and touched hands with someone in the opposite



vith the Puma Cross Training Group, takes a class. In sport aerobics, he says, ail movements are "explosive" or exaggerated

set, as if leaping to strike a mid-air

movements are added to a combination of moves which make up the routine of most aerobic classes. In sport aerobics all are made "explo-sive", according to its developer, Matt Lawrence, aerobics presenter with Puma. So skipping is exaggerated, with knees almost touching the chin, and done in a circle. Sprinters practise similar warm-up exercises and Lawrence has christened this one the "Linford".

The grapevine (three steps to the left with a foot tap, and three to the right) is gradually transformed into a shuffle. A back and forehand tennis swing are added, then a

HOW TO GET STARTED

Sport aerobics workshops will be held on the following dates: Aug 11, Northampton: Aug 31, London: Sept 1, Derby; Sept 21, Liverpool; Sept 22, Oxford; Oct 19, Leeds; Oct 20, Bristol; Nov 2, Aberdeen: Nov 3, Glasgow; Nov 10, Southampton: Nov 16, Newcastle; Nov 17, Manchester, Details from Matt Lawrence on 0181-543 7399.

whole body swivel in a move known as the "Andre". The volley-ball drill, ending with a jump and spike, starts off as a simple wide march. Lawrence is working on a Cantona", which, he says, will involve a strange kicking action". Many coaches now recognise the benefits of high-intensity aerobics.

In addition to their particular discipline, many athletes now specify their training, repeating an exercise to build up certain muscles or refine particular skills, such as hand-eye co-ordination, flexibility or developing stamina. Lawrence has been asked to develop work-outs for squash players and skiers.

Jumping on the spot while swivelling the hips emulates a skiing slalom action. The sprint, hop, skip and jump is known as the "Edwards" and the "Gazza" is three diagonal runs with a pass foot movement in each direction, finishing with a header and a sprint back and forth. Imitation drop-shots are inspired by badminton and the ball dribbling and jumpshot routine, known as the "Magic", comes from basketball.

Because sport aerobics involves interval training — taking the heartbeat to a higher rate with longer periods of recovery — sweat was dripping after 20 minutes. Any spare energy was exhausted getting

While seeming slightly bizarre when done to a fast musical beat, most sports moves are familiar, so not difficult to pick up and should attract more men. Although our class was fairly high-powered, like most it can be toned down for any fitness ability. The oldest and youngest to have tried it to date are

65 and 12 respectively.

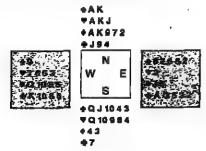
The routine ended with cooling down moves including a golf tee-off, green books and throwing darts, by which time we were all out of breath. Dr Cooper, the aerobics originator, still writing on fitness subjects, likes the idea. which he says brings it closer to its original meaning. All aerobics really means is "using oxygen".



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

For the next week I'm trying a new technique. For a card-play problem that concerns one player, the hands he can see are in normal text, and the concealed hands are in shaded boxes. Today the question revolves round the declarer's play — hence the East-West hands are shaded. Using a sort of poor man's Magic Eye technique, try not to look at the East-West hands until the end. I hope it will be easier than the old advice to cover the unseen hands with your thumbs. Setting up the shaded boxes is a right bore for the sub-editors, so unless there is a favourable response from the readers, I won't be going on with it.

Today's hand is from Patrick Jourdain's regular column, "Problem Corner", in Bridge Magazine. Six Hearts is an excellent contract for North-South, but that would be unexciting in the play. To make it more difficult, as South you have to play Six Spades. Luckily West leads the five of diamonds rather than a club. If you cash ace and king of spades. West shows out on the second round. How do you continue?



The successful line when West shows out on the king of spades is to lead the jack of hearts to the queen, and draw trumps, discarding the ace and king of hearts on two of the spades. Thus declarer can now cash the remaining four heart tricks in hand

before taking the other top diamond for his twelfth trick.

This type of unblocking manoeuvre is common in problem hands. It is rarer in practical play; but very satisfying if you spot

The Red Cross London Bridge Tournament in aid of the British Red Cross, London Branch, will be played in three separate heats in September, with the final including reception and dinner on Wednesday October 2. All events are played in the House of Commons. Prizes include Swiss watches and thing to Porise February 100 per research. trips to Paris. Entry £100 per person. For further information contact Mrs M. Zangrilli at 0171-235 8577 (phone) or 0171-235 8593

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By Philip Howard

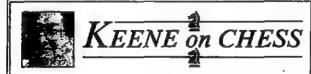
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b. To anticipate verbally c. An Etruscan judge Answers on page 37



BY RAYMOND KEENE CRESS CONDESIFONDENT

Title defence

Matthew Sadier, the grandmaster from Chatham in Kent, has opened his defence of the British Championship title in Nottingham. The Championships take place from August 4-17 at the East Midlands Conference Centre, University of Nottingham. So far. 700 entries have been

The favourites to challenge Sadler for his title are the other two grandmasters, Mark Hebden from Leicester and John Emms from Norwich. Over the past year Sadler has notched up a series on international successes including top honours in the tournaments at ischia and Oberwart. Here is a game which helped him to a share of first prize in the former.

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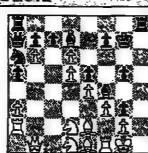
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Georgiev — Dimitrov, Bulgaria 1996. Black has gambitted a piece to open the dangerous h-file against the white king. How did he now make the most of



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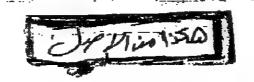
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Treasury bills, German June
manufacturing orders.

TOMORROW

Interims: Appleyard Group, Barclays, British Petroleum (Q2), Capital Shopping Cen-tres, Cordiant, CU Environ-mental Trust, French Property Trust, Kleinwort Overseas Investment Trust, TR Pacific Investment Trust, Yorkshire Chemicals, Zeneca. Chemicals, Zeneca.
Finals: Benson Group,
Williamson Tea Holdings.
Economic statistics: UK June
new construction orders, UK
July cyclical indicators, UK
July new car registrations,
German July unemployment.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Abbey National, Commercial Union, Foreign & Colonial Enterprise Trust, GKN, Holliday Chemical Hold-ings, Liberty International Holdings, Metal Bulletin, Transport Development Group, Ward Holdings. Finals: Crown Eyeglass. Economic statistics: Bank of England quarterly inflation Re-port, UK August CBI/BSL regional trends survey, US June wholesale inventories, US June consumer credit, US Treasury auction of ten-year

THURSDAY

Interime: Bensons Crisps, Courts Consulting Group, Rank Organisation, Read Eisevier, Willis Corroon. Finals: Break for the Border Group, Westminster Health Care Holdings, Wyko Group. Economic statistics: US weekly jobless claims, Japan June current account.

FRIDAY

Interims: CIA Group, Unilever Finals: Eve Group.

CBI distributive trades survey, US July producer prices index.

COMPANIES KAREN ZAGOR

Banking on a buyback at Barclays

BARCIAYS BANK: Specula-tion that the company, of which Martin Taylor is chief executive. will announce another share buyback programme when it releases its interim results tomorrow has lifted the share price to record levels. Analysts agree that the bank has now seen the worst of its restructuring charges, but there is little consensus about actual earnings at the midway mark. Predictions of pre-tax profits range from about £1.03 billion to about £1.16 billion, with earnings per share ranging from 43.86p to 49p with good contributions from BZW, the investment banking business. In the first half of last year. Barclays had pre-tax profits of £1.13 billion. earnings per share of 42.8p and a net dividend of 11.4p.

BRITISH PETROLEUM: Dividends will be foremost in the minds of investors tomorrow when BP posts its second-quarter results. The dog days of 1992 when BP halved and then froze its dividend seem a long time ago. The dividend has been edging upwards since 1994 and the company has said that it intends it to reflect half of underlying earnings. NatWest Securities is

looking for a 5p dividend. Normalised net income is expected to rise 19 per cent to about E670 million in the quarter, from £503 million, with earnings per share advancing to 12p from 10.1p. The company is expected to continue to benefit from strong oil prices. Marketing remains an area of weakness and analysts will be looking to Europe in coming weeks to see whether BP's marketing alliance with Mobil has received EU approval.

HSBC: The parent company of Midland Bank should show the benefits of strong interest income and good cost control when it posts its interim figures today. Pre-tax profits are expected to rise 16 per cent to £2.02 billion from £1.74 billion, with earnings per share rising to 54.1p from 46.1p.

ABBEY NATIONAL: Analysis will be looking for further evidence of recovery in the housing market when Abbey unveils half-



year figures on Wednesday. Abbey is more dependent on mortgage earnings than its quoted competitors, but less dependent than many building societies that are planning to float. There may be some erosion of Abbey's mortgage market share, because the bank has not indulged in the same level of mortgage discounting as competitors. Salomon Brothers expects pre-tax profits of £545 million, with earnings per share of 27p.

UNILEVER: The news that BSE can be passed from cows to calves is not what Unitever needed. In the first quarter, the food and consumer products giant was forced to write off £15 million of beef products. On Friday, analysts will look for second-quarter profits of about £623 million. The latest figures include a £75 million charge. Earnings per share are forecast at 20.3p. This compares with pre-tax profits of £657 million and earnings per share of 21.9p a year ago.

BRITISH AIRWAYS: As BA awalts regulatory approval for its planned partnership with American Airlines, analysts will be looking for a strong improvement in the company's first-quarter earnings today. Pre-tax profits are expected to climb 19 per cent to about £160 million, with earnings per share of 11.7p.

COMMERCIAL UNION: Improvements in France, The Netherlands and possibly the US should be announced on Wednesday, taking the edge off a sharp erosion in underwriting in the UK during the six months to June. Look for pre-tax profits of about £220 million, down 11 per

19.2p. down 26 per cent.

REED ELSEVIER: Market expectations centre on the Anglo-Dutch publishing group making a £450 million bid for Blenheim. the exhibitions group.

Meanwhile, analysts are looking for Reed earnings of £408 million. up 10 per cent, with earnings per share of 28.9p when the company reveals its interim earnings on Thursday.

PEARSON: Details of the disposal of Westminster Press will be top of the list of questions analysts hope to have answered when the company posts interim results today. Sharp losses at Mindscape, Pearson's ill-starred computer games company in the US, are expected to contribute to a 53 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to about £24 million. On a normalised basis, profits are projected at £54 million and earnings per share at 4.8p against profits of £60.9 million and earnings per share of 7.8p in the first half of 1995.

ZENECA: Drugs and agrochemicals have been good to Zeneca this year, offsetting spending on developing and launching new products. Tomorrow, UBS will be ooking for a 21 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits to £610 million, with earnings per share of 42.9p and a dividend of 12.5p.

RANK ORGANISATION: Gains from cinema sales and depletion of bingo profits are expected to be reflected in Rank's results on Thursday.

Analysts predict interim pre-tax profits of £157.4 million, with earnings per share of 11.5p. A year earlier, Rank had profits of £158.3 million and earnings of 10.7p. The figures are expected to be overshadowed by the release of an internal strategic review on

TELEWEST: Britain's biggest cable company last week lost its chief executive. Today, Hoare Govert expects it to post a £120 million six-month loss. The losses are expected to continue as the company expands its business.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Inflation in the spotlight

buy for vational power

The key British economic event this week is on Wednesday — the publication of the Bank of England's Inflation Report. This comes a week after the monthly monetary meeting at which Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, apparently opted to leave interest rates unchanged after a disagreement with Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, over the quarter-point cut to 5.75 per cent in June.

The markets will be looking carefully as usual at the probability the Bank places on the inflation target of 2.5 per cent or less being met. Its previous report argued that it was marginally more likely than not that the target would be missed on the assumption of 6 per cent base rates. Since then, of course, there has been another cut.

The immediate focus will be on the June figures for industrial production, released today. Manufacturing output is expected to have risen 0.3 per cent. according to the consensus of forecasts compiled by MMS International. This would give year-on-year growth of a marginal 0.1 per cent. Industrial production, which includes energy output, is forecast to rise 0.1 per cent, giving

a year-on-year growth rate of i.8 per cent. Tomorrow sees the publication of construction orders for June and cyclical indicators for July, and, on Friday, the Confederation of British Industry releases its latest distributive trades survey, important as a judgment of the strength of the retail sector.

Given the intense debate about whether the US Federal Reserve will raise interest rates when the Federal Open Market Committee meets on August 20, all US economic indicators will be watched with particular

Key statistics include leading indicators and home completions for June, released today, June consumer credit on Wednesday, weekly unemployment claims on Thursday and July producer prices on Friday. The Fed releases its Tan Book, a review of the economy, on Wednesday.

JANET BUSH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Merchant Retail Group, Cordiant, Conrad Ritblat. The Sunday Times: Avoid Arjo Wiggins; Buy Waterfall, Tracker Network. Independent on Sunday: Buy Cordiant, Calgon. Hamlet; Sell Willis Corroon. The Mail on Sunday: Buy IES, Action Computer, FKI. Sunday Express: Buy Caledonia Investments, Gander, Hanson: Hold Caspian, Chiroscience, Thorntons,

EXCLUSIVE TIMES COMPETITION

Win flights to Jo'burg with Virgin

14 pairs of tickets worth £30,000 to be won on Virgin's new service to South Africa

The Times, in association with Virgin Atlantic, gives you and a partner the chance to win return flights on Virgin's new daily service direct from London to Johannesburg, South Africa's largest city. We have 14 pairs of return tickets, worth more than £30,000, to give away to this new Virgin Atlantic destination, which

launches on October 2. All you have to do is collect four of the tokens appearing in The Times this week, answer the competition question and write ten words on the application form below explaining why you want to win tickets to Johannesburg.

The first-prize winner will receive a pair of Virgin Atlantic Upper Class tickets, two nights at Sabi Sabi, a private game reserve, one night at Lesedi cultural village and four nights at the Karos Indaba hotel, Johannesburg. All meals (except at the Karos Indaba), safaris with an expert guide and transfers are included.

As passengers of Virgin's Upper Class, the first-prize winners will get a chauffeur-driven car to whisk them from home to Heathrow to enjoy all the amenities of the Clubhouse. Once on board, they will enjoy the comfort of a first-class sleeper seat, with 55in of legroom, and a wide variety of award-winning entertainment including a personal armrest TV screen with up to 24 channels including eight movie channels showing the latest releases.

Second prize is one of three pairs of tickets for travel in Premium Economy, the world's best economy service with more space, bigger seats with 38in of legroom, a dedicated check-in service and drinks before take off - all for a fully-



Personal service: Virgin Atlantic Upper Class

A further ten runners-up will

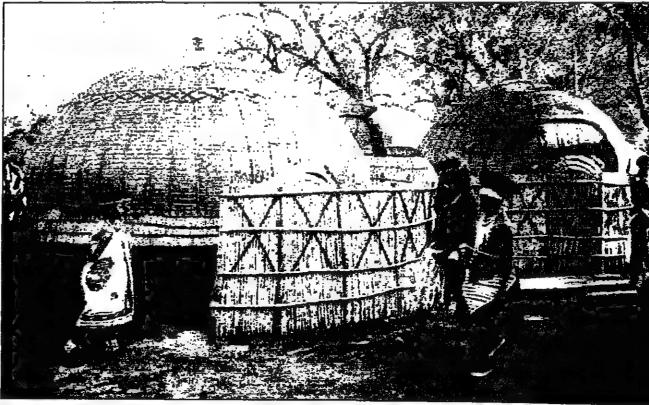
Our winners will enjoy comfortable and spacious seats, friendly and attentive cabin crew and easy to view seatback TVs offering awardwinning entertainment. Exceptional service includes a choice of meals, complimentary drinks and an amenity kit full of useful items for your comfort throughout the flight. At Sabi Sabi. a private game reserve on the banks of the Sabie River, ecologically and geographi-cally integrated with the world famous Kruger National Park, the winner and his or her companion will be taken on safari deep into the African bush in an open four-wheeldrive vehicle. Lesedi, a Sotho word meaning "light", is a

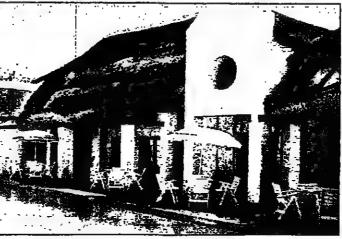
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multicultural African village. Our winners will meet the various tribes and enjoy an evening of singing and dancing in the open air. They will stay in a hut (with private facilities) specially set aside for visitors before going to the luxurious Karos Indaba hotel in the elite northern suburbs of Johannesburg. From this country-style hotel with thatched roofs and whitewashed walls, they can set out to explore this fascinating city.

HOW TO ENTER

Attach four tokens from The Times to the form below and tick the appropriate answer to the competition question. Then complete the ten-word tie-breaker. Send your entry to: The Times/Virgin Joburg Competition, Ashentree Court, London ECSS 8NG. The closing date for receipt of entries is Thursday, August 22, 1996.







Clockwise from top: the multicultural African village of Lesedi; viewing big game on safari and the Karos Indaha hotel, Johannesburg,

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Australian buy for National **Power**

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

NATIONAL POWER, the electricity generator, yesterday made its first foray into Australia with the acquisition of Hazelwood, one of the country's biggest coal-fired power stations. It is paying £340 million for a 51 per cent stake in a consortium buying the station for A\$2.35 billion (E1.2 billion).

The purchase of the 1,600mW power station, which National Power is buying in partnership with PacificCorp and Destec Energy: the US utilities, puts it in direct competition with PowerGen, its British rival, which this year led a consortium to buy neighbour-

Consumers *'coming* to rescue

MANUFACTURING is set to remain in the doldrums but services sectors are accelerating as consumer demand rises, according to the latest report from Oxford Economic Forecasting (Janet Bush writes). Oxford expects manufacturing to grow 0.4 per cent in 1996 and although the consumer should come to the rescue, there are considerable risks to economic growth.

Oxford notes manufacturing has fallen in each of the last two quarters and is still on a downward trend. The latest survey from the CBI showed orderbooks were continuing to weaken and output expectations were becoming less optimistic.

Oxford argues that the quarter-point cut in base rates to 5.75 per cent in June was justified and suggests the risks to activity may justify another cut. However, it expressed concern that the Chancelior may be reluctant to raise growth became too strong.

THE Alternative Investment

Market reached its double

century on Friday as SCi

Entertainment, a CD-Rom

games producer, became the

200th company to trade on the

exchange, reaching a 7p pre-mium on its 149p issue price.

SCi launched into a quiet

but stable market. After the

turbulence of the preceding 21 days, ALM's five new

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class operation playing an increasingly important part in the emerging national electric-ity market. We're planning a major capital expenditure programme at Hazelwood to maximise operating efficien-cies and upgrade environmental performance." The sale of the Hazelwood power station, which is east of

Melbourne and comes with its own brown coal mine and a husiness that makes brown coal products, marks the latest stage of the State Government of Victoria's successful privatisation of its electricity industry. It has been closely modelled on the UK's electricity privatisation programme, and has so far included five distribution companies and two power stations, raising A\$13.6 billion so far, more than rwice as much as analysts initially expected, with much of the interest coming from overseas utilities.

A further three power stations are still to be sold and Mr Herbert yesterday said the consortium would seek other investment apportunities in the Australian power industry as they become available.

As part of the shake-up of the industry, the state's power stations are to be allowed to compete directly with each other in the supply of whole-sale electricity within the state and outside it.

Analysts say, however, that National Power and Power-Gen will have their work cut out over the next few years: as well as copying the way the UK electricity industry was sold off, Victoria's version will also copy the way it is run. with electricity companies required to achieve reductions in electricity prices to residential and small business customers of 16 per cent and 28 per cent in 2000. Prices will be reviewed in five years' time.

issues last week all attracted

premiums. David Abrahams, a market-maker at

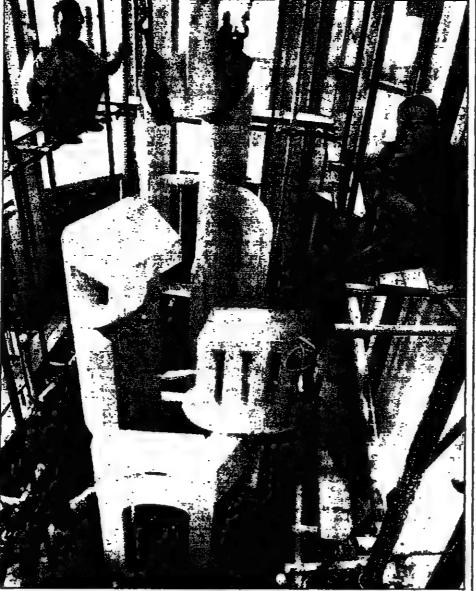
Winterflood Securities, said

this was thanks to both the

quality of the new issues and

their cheap prices. He added

that other price movements



Sculptor Eamonn Hughes, right, oversees installation of a new work at KPMG's HO

Forensic hunt at KPMG

By JASON NISSE

KPMG, the accountancy firm, has launched a novel recruitment drive to attract nonaccountants to work for it.

The firm wants to recruit up to a dozen former policemen. tax investigators or even journalists for its forensic accounting division, which largely investigates frauds and pro-

vides support for legal actions. It has published a series of adverts in the national and specialist press targeted at anybody but accountants and has seen a strong response.

Philip Haberman, a forensic accounting partner at KPMG, said: "We are widening our staff base partly because accountants tend not to be as sceptical as they could

people have a different way of looking at things." The division has expanded from two people and a part-time partner in 1990 to an operation with more than 100 staff.

in a separate move, KPMG says Grant Thornton will be auditors for its audit business. which is being spun off as a separate limited company.

Hays ready to increase bid

HAYS, the business services group led by Ronnie Frost, is expected early this week to make an increased £1.1 billion bid for Christian Salvesen, the distribution and power supplies company, at about 390p writes).

Salvesen last week rejected

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placed at 114p on Tuesday, was the week's highest climb-

Network Technology, a

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Hays's 370p first bid as inadequate but said it would consider a "significantly improved proposal." Salvesen management, led by Chris Masters, has declined Hays's repeated

was also placed on Tuesday

DBS Management is to

in danger of overpaying. Hays is understood to be unwilling to launch a hostile bid if its 390p proposal is rejected.

Sources close to Hays denied weekend reports that Mr. Frost has been in touch with members of the Salvesen fammight hold out for 400p, but ily, 200 of whom control 38 per argue that at that level Hays is cent of the company.

ond company to succeed in using AIM as a slipway to a full listing. Placed in July last year at 160p, the company's

shares are now 365p, which

has lifted its market value

from £10.8 million to £26

Allders in talks with Owen Owen

Aliders, the department stores group, said it was in talks that may lead to it buying a number of stores from Owen Owen, the retail group run by Philip Green, the former Amber Day chief, for about £23

It is believed to be targeting up to ten stores, including those in Leeds, Coventry, Oxford, Ipswich and Slough. After the sale of Allders' international tax and duty-free business to Swissair last month for £160 million. Allders has more than £100 million cash and has said it wants to use some of it to expand its department store business. It still intends to return a significant amount of the cash, expected to be up to half, to shareholders.

TI in £15m deal

TI Group, the engineering company, will start its promised acquisition spree this morning with a £15.5 million deal to buy a Brazilian refrig-eration components business from Alcan Aluminium of Canada, TI said the purchase would enable it to supply a full range of fluid carrying sys-tems through its Bundy Inter-national fluid carrying systems subsidiary.

Laporte silent

Laporte, the chemicals group, declined to comment on weekend reports that it has put its adhesives and sealants business, best known for making Evostik, up for sale with a price tag of £300 million. The company bought much of the division three years ago when it bid £181 million for Evode.

Michot rises

Yves Michot was yesterday appointed to the board of Aérospatiale, the French state aerospace group, paving the way for him to be named chairman this week. M Michot, currently number two at Aérospatiale, is replacing Louis Gallois, who became boss of SNCF state railways

Stet sell-off

Italian ministers are expected to meet tomorrow to lay down guidelines for the proposed sell-off of Stet, Italy's telecommunications group. The ministers are expected to recommend the immediate private sale of at least four Stet subsidiaries, with flotation of the core group in February or March 1997.

million in 13 months. As a financial services company, its shares do not qualify for the tax relief available to other AIM stocks, giving it nothing to lose from the move up. Of AIM's 200 stocks, more than 70 finished the week valued at £20 mil-

lion or more. FRASER NELSON

Why healthy scepticism is necessary

this time? That is the key question facing financial markets at the moment. Alan Greenspan at the Federal Reserve is wondering whether the soft data reported last week is proof that the US economy will slow down of its own accord without the need for a rate rise, or whether the tightness of the labour market will push up wages. In the UK. gilt investors wonder whether wage pressures will return as Britain's economy accelerates. And there is an even more pertinent question - would a Labour govern-

ment be different this time? The US bond market now believes that the automatic stabilisers will generate a slowdown. Most notably there is the impact of the rise in longterm interest rates on the housing market, but also the strengthening in the dollar since mid-1995 should slow export growth. In contrast, UK mortgage rates are set in

relation to base rates, making the

market mechanism less important and monetary policy more so. The political background makes a pre-emptive rate rise unlikely. Neither is it clear that the pound will rise sufficiently before the general election to cool the economy.

The US housing market has thown some signs of a slowdown, but the UK housing recovery has just started. Indeed as far as UK housing is concerned it looks as if history may be about to repeat itself. At the end of the 1980s we convinced ourselves that there never would be another housing boom, that people would remember their misfortunes and the authorities would not allow house prices to surge again. Recent developments are casting doubts on these assumptions. Anecdotal stories suggest a return of gazumping; building societies are bending over backwards to find new borrowers; and the Government would welcome a housing boom to re-

vive the "feel-good" factor. The housing boom in the 1980s was boosted by deregulation in the banking sector, this may have been a one-off, but building society windfalls are another type of stimulus.

In the labour market, too, it has been argued that things are different. Nevertheless. the signs of a tightening labour market continue to grow; vacancies are nearly as high as in 1988; hours worked are back up to 1988 levels; and female unemployment is actually much lower than in 1988. Worries about redundancy will gradually be alleviated, firms will have to pay more to attract workers; and firms will be forced to pay more to keep workers because company loyalty has been destroyed by

Onondaga brethren."

point measures will be needed to slow growth. Any delay in reacting will increase the risk that inflation will rise and that the tightening will then need to be more severe. The June cut in base rates came agains the advice of the Governor of the Bank of England and the Bank will probably sound a louder warning in its Infla-tion Report to be published on Wednesday, but it will fall on deaf ears. If in the US the danger is that the Fed could fall "behind the curve", in the UK monetary policy is in danger of being lapped.

The gilt market may be able to console itself with the thought that economic recovery will make it easier to improve public finances. A new government could raise taxes which would offer the double benefit of slowing consumer spending and reducing the PSBR. However, before that happens, Mr Clarke is likely

to cut taxes will probably promise to

maintain these tax cots. It will also be difficult for the new government to tighten fiscal policy quickly, leaving mone-tary policy to bear the brunt of any tightening for quite some

Most economists can talk at length about why UK inflation has improved fundamentally. But gilt investors are right to maintain a healthy scepticism when told things have changed permanently. Maybe things will be different this time, but the risks of overheating and a pick-up in inflation are rising, and gilts are not a safe investment.

> GLENN DAVIES Credit Lyonnais

CHANGE ON WEEK

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US dollar

Bank of England official close (4pm)

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(b) A low, transverse ridge of resistant bedrock on the floor of a

agacial valley. From the Old High German rigil a bar, Middle High German rigel a crossbar for lastening. "Partly worn-down cross-valley bars of resistant rock (riegels) remain, impounding lakes, though these have commonly been drained by rivers that have cut gorges through the riegels since the melting of the designed.

(c) One of the five (later six) tribes of the Iroquois Confederacy of orth American Indians commonly called the Five Nations (Six Nations), traditionally living near Syracuse, New York. From the Onondaga onön-td-ke the hill, the name of the main Onondaga settlement. James Fenimore Cooper, The Last of the Mohicans, 1826: The Mohawks, with their Tuscarora and

(a) A particle or prefix preceding the stem of a verb. "In English, many compound verbs borrowed from French consisting of a preverb (commonly, but erroneously, called a preposition) and a base-word, and serving either as a nown or as a verb, are distinguished in their use by a difference of stress-accent."

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ny visit to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is worth missing. Directors of British Telecom agonised long be-fore finally caving in to demands from its regulator and avoiding an appearance before this fickle corporate Nero. Well they might. BT had as much to fear from the tribunal as from giving Oftel unfettered powers, on behalf of competitors, to tell it what to do and what not to do.

Company and regulator are stuck with an uncomfortable fact. BT dominates most of its markets. Unless its management sinks into incompetence or the state agency sequesters its shareholders' property rights, it will surely continue to do so. When natural private monopo-lies are inherited, or built up by an innovator gaining dominance in a new market, that is unavoidable.

Common sense suggests we should avoid creating monopoly power artificially, via mergers, without good reason. Big fish will abuse their power, as modern business practice demands, or have to be regulated by rules, undertakings and bureaucratic surveillance. As regulators will testify, that is a poor substitute for a competitive market. Why then do the Government and the Office of Fair Trading seem so keen to fall into this trap?

Every other week, some marketgrabbing takeover, often in the bus trade, is waved through in exchange for a sheaf of solemn signed paper undertakings that pledge management to deny its basic business inst-

Competition is worth more than promises

incts. John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, is becoming a Neville Chamberlain wavealike. Like his well-meaning model, he is surely storing up trouble for customers or competitors.

When Parliament changed the rules on merger-vetting, encourag-ing deals to be struck at the OFT in lieu of a reference to the MMC, it airned to save time in straightforward cases rather than make it easier to create monopolies. Granada's bid for Forte, for example, aimed to take Granada into hotels rather than to increase the combined group's monopoly power. Sorting out the incidental overlap of the two companies' motorway service areas was therefore a suitable case for plea-bargaining at the OFT.

Where the main object or effect of a merger is to strengthen market power, the fast track approach is harder to justify. This policy is about to face two stern tests.

Last week Stagecoach, a regular client of the competition authorities in its bus business and now a train operator, made an agreed offer for one of the three rolling stock companies carefully separated out the Government in its costly



attempt to create a new "competitive" railway market. Stagecoach wants to bid for all the remaining train service franchises, so it is clearly intent on building as commanding a presence in railways as it has worked for in buses. The bid was duly accompanied by a written offer to the OFT, promising not to indulge in a series of potential anticompetitive practices.

Bass, the brewing and leisure group, has an even more daring proposition. It has spent months trying to concoct a cocktail of minor sales and promises that might persuade the OFT and Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, to allow it to gain control of between 36 and 40 per cent of the beer market. The object is to avoid the MMC inquiring whether its acquisition of Carlsberg-Tetley is in the public

These efforts are understandable, but deserve to fail. To start with. both Stagecoach and Bass have a history of gregarious anti-competitive behaviour. Only last year, the MMC reported that Stagecoach's treatment of a now-deceased bus competitor was, not unusually for the industry, "predatory, deplorable and against the public interest".

Bass, in common with most big brewers, has long relied on tied outlets and restrictive trading contracts to sell its beer. The MMC expended much misplaced effort trying to reform the industry and make it compete for consumers' favours. In response, big brewers have sought to bolster monopolistic power through mergers.

If these deals go through, the rail

regulator and OFT beer-watchers will be on overtime for years. They may soon be armed with laws giving the authorities the sort of sweeping powers against anti-competitive behaviour that Oftel has won from BT. Such rules are inherently unsatis-

factory. There is no clear line be-tween normal, healthily aggressive attempts to outsmart the competition and what may be judged illegal. Loyalty bonuses, quantity discounts. packaging of services or sole supply deals may be acceptable practice for a company breaking into a market but unacceptable for one with a big market share. Indeed, companies may find that success turns procompetitive virtues into anti-competitive vices. That is bad law.

In merger policy, promises are therefore no match for the reality of competition. A scheme to boost market power deserves to be verted against the public interest test applied by the MMC. If management begrudges the effort to argue its case and endure a few months of uncertainty, it should not attempt such a merger in the first place. It the City sees the hiatus of an MMC inquiry as "blocking" a takeover. that is just one more case of myopia

frustrating business strategy. The Labour Party wants to change competition rules so that they presume mergers are guilty rather than innocent and oblige their promoters to justify them in the public interest. This is a long-standing policy so it may be jettisoned. If not, there is much to be said for it. There would, however, be one vital quid pro quo for any presumption against mergers. When the public interest balance is struck (or when Oftel makes its rulings), raising returns to shareholders should itself count as a powerful public benefit.

The market for soft drinks with a kick is booming, says Martin Waller

Battle to be top of the alco-pops

Take a few quarts of industrial alcohol ethyl, not methyl, we wouldn't want any unfortunate side-effects. Add water (tap will do), sugar, fruit, herbs and spices, flavourings, assorted E numbers and the contents of that Body Shop gift basket you haven't opened since Christmas. Stir well.

You have just created this summer's best-selling cocktail, your contribution to a market worth upwards of £250 million and growing faster than the statisticians can count. Participants prefer the term alcoholic carbonates, but they are best known as alco-pops.

if half a decade ago you had told one of the big drinks groups they would be falling over themselves to create sweet, fizzy soft drinks spiked with alcohol and worryingly attractive to under-age drinkers, they would never have believed you. They would never have believed you last summer either, Australia of an alcoholic lemonade called Two Dogs and the launch by Bass of the strangely similar Hooch.

Industry insiders say there are currently 89 alco-pops on the market, including the brand leaders and the shelves of knock-off imitations at every big supermarket. That figure is certainly wrong, because since the last census more will have arrived.



Young drinkers enjoying Hooch, Bass's contribution to the market, with annual sales of about £200 million

Stats MR, the independent research consultant, says the alco-pops market, at the retail level, is worth £250 million. This figure is also wrong Hooch sales are about £200 million a year, Bass main-tains, which would give it 80 per cent of that estimate. Merrydown, the original importer and now brewer of Two

Dogs, does not release sales figures but says it has 25 per cent. There is no reason to disbelieve either company the total is simply growing too fast to measure, The industry is desperate to deny that the product is aimed

at under-age drinkers, serving as a teenage bridge between fizzy pop and the hard stuff a role traditionally filled by cider, which has a market of £1 billion. But the packaging is drinks such as Snapple and Oasis. A recently launched range of "alcoholic seltzers" comes in bottles deliberately reminiscent of soft drinks from 1950s America.

If it is true the drinks mainly attract less experienced drinkers, then their future would seem secure. "Is it here to stay?" ponders one City analyst. There's clearly a large element of fashionability attached to Hooch and some of the other products. Plus, it's partly a function of timing, launching a product such as this in very good weather of summer and in May and June this year. The one thing they won't tell us is how well do they sell at Christmas?"

Uphill battle for

BAD NEWS awaits Denis

MacShane, Labour MP for

from his fortnight's holiday,

climbing in France with his four children. Two leading

British firms have already

refused his plea to contribute

Ell million to allow Britain to rejoin Unesco, the UN body

covering education, scientific

In a letter to firms, including BT, British Aerospace, ICI and

Shell, MacShane dismisses the

Foreign Office's fight with the

Education Department over

whose budget should pay for

Unesco re-entry. He writes:

This is rather childish, and I

hope that private finance might

be willing to help the Govern-

and cultural work.

ment out of a hole."

Unesco cash

He accepts that there will have to be an almighty crash eventually, and a culling of the insane number of brands, as happened in the premium lager and cider markets that were once showing similar growth. But thereafter the survivors will, like Disney videos, find a new market arriving year after year, even if they will each have to work

hard to maintain their place. "They are going to be around in one guise or another even if the brands aren't," says the analyst. These are fashion-driven products for younger consumers, among whom it's more difficult to maintain brand loyalty."

arlier this year, the industry's own trade body, the Portman Group, introduced a voluntary code that required the dropping of words such as "lemonade" in favour of "lemon brew", for example, a move anticipated by the makers of Hooch and Two Dogs. Any link with under-age drinking will never be proven.

What is clear is that drinks with names like "Stunn" and "Blitz" are aimed at consumers more concerned with their

effect than their taste. They sell in 330ml bottles, a convenient size also favoured by lagers and ciders. The alcoholic content is the same, varying from 4 per cent, at which level, and below, less tax is payable, up to 5.5 per cent, comparable with Pils lagers. The strongest ciders, such as Diamond White, are more than 8 per cent, which is into the

Tennants Extra league. "It's a market where the barriers to entry are very low. There's not much advertising spent on these products," the City analyst points out. Not much is needed. Three quarters of brewing output goes to the own-trade, and the brewers all have their own tied estate through which their respective product can be funnelled. But again, loyalty is limited. "Will people switch pubs because it does or doesn't sell Hooch?

Clearly not," he adds. None of the consumers of this new product have much idea what they are drinking. There are two sorts of alcopops, best categorised as brews and concoctions. Brews, the two market leaders and a few others, start with a yeastfermented fruit base to create the alcohol. With Two Dogs, it

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really is lemons, a reflection of the drink's history - it was created by an Australian micro-brewer as a way of using up his neighbour's surplus lemon crop. Given the awfulness of most Australian beers, its subsequent success Down Under is no surprise.

Both brands then add water. sugar, fruit juice and plant extracts. The other method is to produce the alcohol from sugar and yeast alone, no fruit at all, and then add the above. The latest rage is for "natural" ethnic ingredients — guarana. a berry "used by Amazon indians to combat fatigue", it says here, is a favourite. This is where your Body Shop basket comes in.

These are the concoctions. Within them there is a hairfine line between using alcohol made from sugar and yeast, as Bass does with its new Red drink featuring yet more guarana, and bringing in truckloads of the stuff from industrial producers. No one ing anyone who does, but they exist. Richard Purdey, chairman of Merrydown, comments: "We don't spend an awful lot of time ... finding out what our competitors are doing." A Bass spokeswoman echoes him: "I don't think we examine what other people do

in that level of detail. But Mr Purdey admits he would be surprised if such creations do not exist "it's perfectly legitimate. There's nothing to say you can't do that - what would be illegal would be to pursue that method and then describe it as a

fermented product." The key, therefore, is the word "brewed" on the label. This means some method vaguely analogous with traditional brewing skills, involving fruit, has been used at some stage, which may be a

comfort to some. If the word is lacking, you are probably drinking a concoction. As any home brewer knows, you can make alcohol out of anything containing sugar or starch. The potable 5.55em Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 alcohol forming the base of the latest alco-pop may have started its life in a potato or sugar beet field. The only

Nasty work in the attic

RADIO CHOICE

The Donahue Sisters. Radio 4, 7.45pm.

The three sisters in Geraldine Aron's dark play, meeting after a long separation, are clearly not going to be content with exchanging tales of woe about their married lives. And, sure enough, as thunder begins to rumble, and it starts to rain, and Anthea Gomez's spooky music becomes even more sinister, the siblings make preparations to re-enact in their old attic a nasty episode from childhood. The fact that they treat it as a game makes it more shocking, not less. Frances Tomelty, Anny Tobin and Maureen O'Brien play the sisters. The play arrives bearing prizes won in drama festivals, and director Sue Wilson has done it proud on radio.

Jazz Notes. Radio 3, 12.30am. First Bass. Radio 3, 4.30pm:

Two recommendable jazz programmes, Jazz Notes packs into 30 minutes saxophonist Barbara Thompson's long lifetime of composing and performing. Her classical training shows in everything she does. What is beyond belief is that she had no jazz training. Inexplicably, the BBC Proms have not acknowledged her existence, and I urge the Proms supremo, Radio 3 Controller Nicholas Kenyon, to listen to Jazz Notes tonight to discover what he has missed. First Bass continues with Alyn Shipton prompting the semi-legendary bassist Ray Brown to recall his years with Dizzy Gillespie. Shipton sounds as surprised as I was to hear Brown disclose that he was once sacked by Gillespie.

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RADIO 3

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10.00 Musical Encounters, includes Wolf-Farrari

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(Overture: La dama boba)
10.09 Proms Artist of the
Weak: Simon Preston, organ,
Franck (Choral No 1 in E);
Bach (Prelude and Fugue in F
minor, BWV 857); Diapenbrock (Hymne) 11.37 D'Albert
(Piano Concerto No 2 in E)
12.00 Composer of the Week:
Igor Stranfinstor
1.00pm Proms Chamber Music
1996, Selty Burness, mezzo.

pm Proms Chamber Music 1996. Salty Burgess, mezzo, John Lenehan, piano, Heffner Ensemble, under Nicholas Damei, oboe. Ravel, arr Jones Chausson (Chanson percet uelle); Falla (Concerto lor harpsichord and live Instruments); Ravel (Trois

poemes de Stephane Mellame) 2.00 The BBC Ovchestrae, BBC National Orchestra of Wales. under David Atherton, With Anthony Rolle Johnson, terror, Michael Thompson, horn Rossini (Overture: The Barber of Sevide); Britten (Srenade

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10.45 Mixing it, with Mark Russell and Robert Sandali and Hobert Sandali
11.30 Composer of the Week:
Handel (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, See Choice

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod, Includes 1.00 Beethoven and Schubert 2.20 Motets and Madrigals by Lassus and Philippus de Monte 3.00 Mozart and Bernstein 5.00 Sequence

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8.45 Mind over Music. Peter
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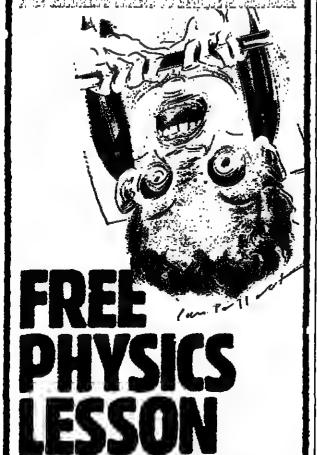
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DAVID CROSSLAND. chairman of Airtours, needs his wife to keep him in check. In the Director magazine, he Rotherham, on his return cites his greatest extravagance as the house in Pacific Palisades. California, he bought at a "giveaway" price. "I have been known to go there for the weekend — which my wife. Anne, thinks is crazy," he admits. "One day I would quite like a Harley-Davidson motorbike so I can go up and down the Pacific Coast highway - but Anne says I can't

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have one until I retire."

ORANGE, the telecommunications giant, has turned down the chance to transform a Nomura trader into a punk and dve his hair the compa-



ny's trademark colour. Plans

to give 39-year-old Clive Richmond a mohican, to raise money for the Bobath Centre, a clinic for children with cerebral palsy, were shelved at the eleventh hour. So far, £15,000 has been raised, and

the securities firm is deep in talks with a "high-flying" company that hopes to colour Doctors' order

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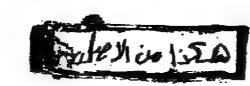
If you want to get ahead, you should learn to wield a poodle

hrush rather than a scalpel. A

survey in September's Esquire magazine, shows dog groomers on £16.000, piano tuners on £23,000 and tube drivers on £25,000, putting them ahead of many doctors and lecturers. Newly qualified doctors start under £15,000 and registrars can earn as little as £20,500, while university lecturers start on £13,100. If you want really big money, go for the law: top QCs are the highest paid professionals with up to £500,000.

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A hungry interviewer won't leave you fed-up

arly Sunday risers who are also devotees of Radio 4 desperience each week a vicarious breakfast with a British farmer. The programme is On Your Farm, and to wake up to it in a house frequently bare of groceries is one of the greatest tortures I know. "Ah, the sizzle of bacon," enthuses Oliver Walston, the eternal breakfaster - as the radio lets off a whiff of spicy coffee, and you can hear jolly boiling eggs drum their heels in a heavy-bottomed pan. "Are these your own Lincolnshire sausages? he asks: and then "Of course they are!" As I lie in bed listening to this feast (which is actually a clever device for disguising talk of crop subsidies and beet fungus) I picture the meagre knob of White Flora residing in my fridge in lonely splendour, and shed a small, hot tear, "More toast?" asks the farmer's wife. "Yes please," I reply, forgetting myself. The much-breakfasted Walston

was brought to mind with some force on Saturday by Channel 4's The Middle Ages. For Ray Gosling (formerly a stalwart of Radio 4, of course) has taken the snackalong idea with him into television, and it works a treat.
Wherever Gosling interviews
people (all middle-aged people this time; that's his theme), there seems to be an implicit contract that he visits their homes and picks up a solid meal to pad his skinny ribs. All comply. And thus, instead of the usual "noddy" reaction shots -interviewer nodding thoughtfully Gosling does "guzzlies". He nods, yes; but at the same time cheerfully hands home-made fruit-

loaded with creamy dip.

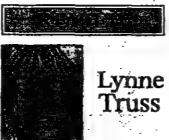
Gosling is a mannered, idiosyncratic and brilliant broadcaster whose trademarks are the archly unnatural pause mid-sentence, the disingenuous whine, and above all

cake down his throat, or tips his

face towards a stalk of celery

the unkempt look of a moth-eaten evacuee. If he eats a lot on the job, it's not because he's an incorrigible gourmand, it's because he is a man suggestive of a knob of White Flora in the fridge. So he tackles the grub with both hands, and his hosts watch him with the sort of indulgent pleasure usually reserved for pet owners. Indeed, if he knelt on the table and started pushing the food around with his nose, you feel that price and happiness would positively swell in their chests.

ne's attention gets distracted by all this scotting, obviously. But Gosling is a generous chap, and he pretends (at least) that the conversation is as good as the food. This week he featured a couple newly married at 40, expecting their first baby (heaps of food, there); a spurned wife of 50 (nice salad on a plate); and a couple coping with the impact of breast cancer (crudités and dips).



This first programme of The Middle Ages was a bit inconsequential, so be honest; but on the other hand, so is life, which is why we might as well make the best of Interviewing the divorced Tricia, Gosling pointed out (between mastications) how things might have been different. She put down her knife and fork. "Of course it might have been differ-ent," she trilled; "You are funny!"

just goes to prove how people low-er their guard when they are not intimidated by their interviewer; when they see him, in fact, as just a starving man in need of a harres.

The big selly event of the weekend was ITV's Sunday night drams. The English Wife, a two-hour fits withen by David Reid shous a meek wide eyed napny in France called Elens (Geraldise O'Rawe) who never did very much yet somehow ended up a double murderer, absending with the child she loved after killing his parents in a remote farmhouse. It was an engrossing story, shot in rural France with white mists and crumbling stone, and surprisingly it defied most cliches, For example, the unloved little boy Bertrand (Jamie O'Brien) had a speech difficulty: surely he would speak at a key moment? Would he yell a warning? "Two years later" said a

caption, and Bertrand raised his

finently now? But it was no good second-guessing this kid. When he finally got the words out, they were "Marrim" and "Papa", which was a bit ungrateful of the little tyke, if you ask me.

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is tiguistical on prime-time is tiguistical on prime-time is tiguistical on prime-time is tiguistically. For most of The Knightsh Wife, it was impossible to guess whether things would end impossly, or in disaster. When the household scissors were sharpened (with meaningful grinding and sparks), it was obvious they would be useful later on, but not that they would be plunged into Zoë Wanninaker's back. Meanwhile the love story, between Elena and the serious,

upwardly-mobile student Alain (Stanishas Carré De Malbergi ran athwart the customary tracks, too, since Alain continued to love Elena even when he discovered she was

not Bertrand's mother, and that the excitement of adultery didn't The English Wife was well acted

and beautifully made, but it didn't leave you with much to think about. When it finished, it lifted and dispersed like mist. Not like Grey Sex on BBC2 last night, then: which will never be forgotten by anyone who saw it. Taking a potentially tacky subject (imagine a Carlton version) this film about sex in old age was frank, delicate and (amazingly) in no way condescending.

The interviewees were all heroes - especially the bearded man who demonstrated his wonderful penisassisting hand-pump, while his wife giggled beside him. How exciting it must be in bed with this man, listening to that pump action in the mornings with your eyes closed tight, "It could be balloons! Or it might be the other thing! But either way, hoorah!"

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6.00am Business Breakfast (68834) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceelax) (99105) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax)

9.20 Olympic Grandstand — the Closing Ceremony. Desmond Lynam introduces another chance to see the closing ceremony (r) (s) (90675766)

12.00 News, Regional News & Weather (Ceetax) (1956124) 12.05pm The Alphabet Game (5) (4126327) 12.35 Neighbours (Cealax) (s) (6957230) 1.00 News & Weather (Ceelax) (92292) 1.30 Regional News & Weather (42248679) 1,40 Small Talk (r) (Ceetax) (s) (58297785)

2.10 Lovejoy (r) (Cestex) (s) (3410537)
3.00 Unspeakable Verse. Hugh Laurle, Miriam Margolyes and Leo McKern celebrate the best of British and American comic verse (r) (7085230)

3.20 The Flying Doctors (Ceefax) (a) 4.50 Knots Landing (r) (s) (4104835) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceetex) (s) (905698) 6.00 News & Weather (Castax) (376)

6.30 Regional News Megazines (308) 7.00 The Good Food Show, Juliet Monis gets unprecedented eccess to the ktichens of Le Chatesu Anglais, lictional home to Lenny Henry in the comedy-drama Chef. Plus a look at the retion's changing tastes (Ceefax) (s) (4211)

7.30 The Rantzen Report: ME — (1/3) (Ceefax) (s) (292) 8.00 EastEnders, Sarah makas a discovery that angers Tony, Clindy learns that David is on the move (Ceelax) (s) (3719)

12.20

8.30 Oh Doctor Beeching! There are surprises in store for Wilfrid and May (Ceefax) (s) (9766)

9.00 News; Regional News and Weether (Ceefax) (3196) Out of the Blue. A new series

officers of Brazen Gate police station (Ceefax) (s) (415785) 10.25 The X Files. An eight-year-old girl lound

shivering in the street is the only witness to the unexpected death of a detective questioning her (r) (Ceefax) (s) (470872) 11.10 MEW Match of the Seventies.
Dennis Waterman introduces the series which makes classic football

action from the 1970s with music and gossip from the time. The story of the 1976-77 season saw Liverpool begin to dominate the game in England and in the rest of Europe, includes interviews with Emlyn Hughes, Rity Clemence and Tommy Docherty (Ceefax) (946785)

11.50 FILM: Plain Clothes (1988). A rockle cop goes undercover at his old high school to clear his brother of a murder charge. In his student guise, he discovers a web of sex, blackmail and murder, attracts the attention of his home-room teacher and talks for the gym mistress' daughter. With Arlias Howard, George Wendt, Seymour Cassel, Dianne Ladd, Suzy Amis and Larry Pine. Directed by Martha Coolidge (962853) 1.20am-1.25 Weather (2223821)

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BBC2 5.00am Open University: Learning About Leadership (3075766) 5.25 Britain and the Global Economy (4762056)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (6303582) 7.30 The Family Ness (r) (8556785) 7.35 Johnson and Friends (r) (5311376) 7.45 Lassie (r) (1135143) 8.10 Smurfs'

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It Well (45252476) 1.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceefax) (s) (8323327) 2.20 Crawshaw Paints on Holiday (r) (87689292) 2.45 A Life of Knowledge (r) (4746056) 3.00 News 3.06 The Natural World (r) (Ceefax) (s)

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5.35 FILM: Ring of Fire (1961) with David Jenssen, Joyce Taylor and Frank Gorshin. A small town deputy sherrif is taken prisoner after arresting a gang for robbing a petrol station. Directed by Andrew L. Stone (4138766)

7.00 Olympic Grandstand — the Closin Ceremony. Desmond Lynam presents highlights of lest night's closing ceremony from Atlanta (s) (2655)



The campaigner Mancy Gracey (9pm)

The Day Time Changed by Life (Ceelay) (s) (1501) 8.30 Wildliffe Showcase: Once Upon Australia, Nick Hilliglosa's animated potted history of the continent's wildlife

9.00 Steptoe and Son. Classic comedy with Wiltred Brambell and Harry H. Corbett (r) (Ceefax) (8018) 9.30 Life Without End. An insight into the

latest developments in America to slow the ageing process (32853) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (379817) 11.15 Oldie TV. First of three irreverent latenight magazines (s) (654292). Followed

by Weatherview 12.00 Grace Under Fire. American cornecty about a divorced mother-of-three. With Brett Butler (41032) 12,30am The Learning Zone: Open Univer-Jam The Learning Zone: Open University: Persisting Dreams (85148) 1.30 Learning About Leadership (93790) 2.00 Summer Nights: Great Outdoors Collection 1 (74099) 4.00 When in France/Olez Temas (71780) 5.30-6.00 RCN Nursing Update (42761)

The Rantzen Report ME — the Secret Epidemic BBC1, 7.20pm

Esther Rantzen's new campaigning series gets off to an explosive start, and it is all thanks to Dr Thomas Stuttsford, medical columnist of The Times. What enrages a studio full of ME sufferers is Stuttsford's containing that the illness it a form of contention that the illness is a form of depression. Rubbish, retorts a former head teacher, who says she was not depressed in the slightest but still had the ME symptoms of inability to speak or think properly and loss of muscle power. Other victims, some confined to wheelchairs, also bridle at the suggestion that ME is all in the mind. There suggestion that whe is all in the mind. There are tragic cases here, and horrifying tales of misdiagnosis. What emerges from the programme, a typical Rantzen mix of showbusiness and concern, is that an illness

The Day That Changed My Life: Ironing in the Dark

BBC2, 3.00pm Life changed for Nancy Gracey, a Belfast mother of nine, when her son, Patrick, was taken onto a piece of waste ground and knee-capped by the IRA. Furious at the outrage, he confronted the local IRA godfather called him a murderous bastard and promised to expose his activities. She got herself in the papers and on television and set up Fait, Families Against Intimidation and Terror. It took courage. In the early days she was so terrified of reprisals that she stayed up all night, doing the ironing in her back kitchen. But she helped many victims of punishment beatings to find safe houses and the the charge of the sheep even to flee the country. Six years on, having parted company with Fair in unhappy circumstances, Gracey is still fighting and, she admits, still frightened. She tells her story robustly and with no regrets.

In Suspicions Circumstances ITV. 9.00pm

down, dramatised and served up for our dejectation by Edward Woodward. Those sort of thing was done more effectively on the radio by Edgar Lustgarten. And more cheaply, because Lustgarten not only narrated but did all the voices. But it is no good being nostalgic. Tonight's double bill, leatures cases from the 1920s which tap the British fascination with bad behaviour in outwardly respectable society. Arthur Gosler's speciality was being married to several women at the same time. The only worder is that this serial bigamy went undetected for so long. The other tale is about two Old Etonians lighting over the same woman. Murder trials resulted in each case, but with different outcomes.

Out of the Blue BBC1, 9,30om

Back for a second series, the Yorkshire-based detective show continues to display a high standard of competence from all concerned. busy camerawork and crisp editing help to sustain plots that we have seen a dozen times before. John Duttine heads a nicely variegated team of characters, augmented this time by David Morrissey from The Knock Authenticity takes a dive when one of the cops gets too hastily intimate with a woman suspect, but otherwise the personal mixed. Tonight's investigations concern a missing baby, who was apparently snatched from a bus station, and a respectable middleaged man accused of taking far from respectable photographs. Peter Waymark

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12.20pm Regional News (Teletest) (1952308) 12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (6950327) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (8935018) 1.25
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3.20 News (Teletext) (1042872)

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3.30 Caribou Kitchen (7972829) 3.40 Tots
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(3254308) 4.00 Scooby Doo (4919619)
4.15 The Famous Five (883037) 4.45
The Great Dinosaur Trail (1599679)

5.10 Our House. Looking at some of the unusual places some people call home (s) (5996743) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (798495) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (994143)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (103096) 6,50 Let's Go (468563)

7.00 The List (6679) 7,30 Coronation Street. Audrey looks for somebody to blame (360) 8.00 Classic Cooper. Highlights from the career of the late Tommy Cooper (Teletext) (5327)

8.30 Take Your Pick (Teleled) (4834)



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10.40 Limited Edition. Examining the events which led to a black solidar being sentenced to death for the rape of a white woman in 1944 (r) (830218)

11.10 Inner Journeys (r) (s) (644230) 11.40 Tropical Heat (r) (s) (121132) 12.40 Bushell on the Box (s) (8383612) 1.10 The Big Match — Replayed (7869186) 1.55 The Crime Hour (1133693) 2.65 FILM: Undercover Girl (1957, b/w) with Grey. The brother of a murdered journa-

Francis Searle (2350524) 4.05 Jones and Jury (1) (8) (64254070) 4.30 The Time...the Place (r) (s) (89001) 5.00 An invitation to Remember (r) (51506) **5.30 Nove** (79815)

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7.55 The Slot (597834) 8.00 if i Were Prime Minister: "Med" Frankle Fraser. Once a ruthless crook, who has spent half of his 72 years in prison, the Prime Ministerial wannabe gives us the benefit of his considered opinions about prison reform, pensioners and immigration (Teletext) (s) (3969)



Spencer Tracy checks in (8.30pm)

8,30 FILM: Bad Day at Black Rock (1954) When a one-armed stranger (Spencer Tracy) comes to their desert lown, the locals greet him with hostility. Also with Robert Ryan and Anne Francis, Directed

10.00 Sex and the Scientists: Women — The inside Story. Challenging notions of monogeny and male supremacy. Research carried out by female scientists has turned up incidences of female promisculty throughout the animal kingdom (Teleterd)

11.05 Latino Nights: The Marcons. Conflict between mining companies and local farmers in Suriname (s) (643501)

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,2.30 FILM: Viva Ville (1934, bAv). Biopio about the bandit commander prominent in the fight to make Mexico a republic. Starring Wallace Beery and Fay Wray. Directed by Jack Conway and Howard Hawks (26184032). Ends at 4.35am

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Bullock (8821) 8.00 Reservell (1994)
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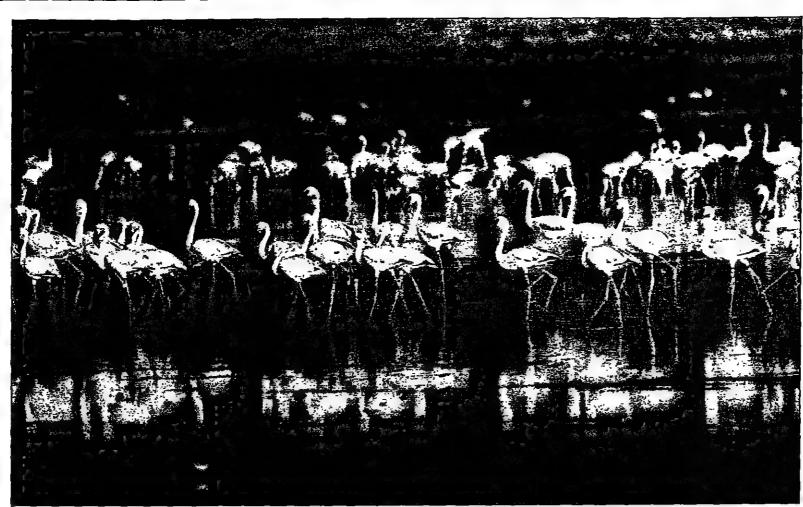
biggest banks unveil their results

By Jason Nisse

BRUNNER MOND, one of combined to form Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) in 1926, is to return to the stock market, gaining its first independent quote for 70 years.

The 123-year-old company. founded by Sir John Brunner and Ludwig Mond in Chesh-ire, is the only UK manufacturer of soda ash, which is used for glass, detergents and other chemicals. The group is also the largest soda ash group in Africa, collecting the chemical from the bed of Lake Magadi in Kenya. It was bought out from ICI in 1991. The flotation, due in the

early autumn, is expected to raise more than £50 million and is backed by Baring Brothers and HSBC James Capel. The market for new issues is expected to improve in the autumn after an uncer-tain summer. Ultra Electronwhich supplies the acrospace industry, has announced its plans to come to market. Ultra is to float in the autumn with a market value



Flotation reflections. Brunner Mond is the largest soda ash group in Africa, collecting from among the flamingoes on Lake Magadi in Kenya

Shrinking reserves hit North Sea prospects

ernment approval for

Wood Mackenzie has identi-

fied some 50 probable fields

this year that could receive

approval, compared with 67

identified last year. Nineteen

fields from the 1995 portfolio

comprising about 1.5 billion

barrels of oil have since re-

ceived development approval.

In contrast, Wood Mackenzie

has identified only nine new

development.

BRITAIN'S oil industry faces a bleak future of shrinking reserves and declining production, according to a report published today by leading consultants. Failure by oil companies to replace current production with discoveries of new oil and gas fields raises the prospect of an industry falling into decline after peaking in 1998 and 1999.

The gloomy outlook for the almost £2.4 billion in tax revenues for the Government last year, stems from a report Wood Mackenzie, the oil

consultants. Their annual review of developments on the UK's Continental Shelf highlights a sharp decline in the number of new fields that

35 per cent decline in the amount of oil and gas recoverable from its 1996 portfolio of probable fields. These fields. cent of remaining commercial reserves, are oil and gas fields discovered by companies but

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fields to add to the probable list this year, accounting for only 400 million barrels. A Wood Mackenzie spokesman said yesterday: "If nothing changes, we are going to see a decline in production. We are likely to see fewer fields coming on-stream for,

> smaller reserves." The problem is exacerbated by a decline in technical reserves - fields where the development timescales and op-

> development and fields with

tions are more uncertain. Typically, a new discovery is added to technical reserves. After appraisal work and further wells drilled, it progresses to probable and then to full development. According to Wood Mackenzie, technical reserves in 1990 were 7.4 billion barrels, rising to 8.4 billion

in 1991. But the accelerating pace of North Sea development, encouraged by government policy to "fast-track" development, has left the industry with a technical reserve portfolio of only 4.7 billion barrels. in simple terms, the oil companies have not been replac-

ing oil pumped out of the North Sea with new discoveries. The Wood Mackenzie spokesman said: " It would be wrong to say we are all doomed, but we have seen that the technical reserves are not increasing. The oil companies

have been cherry-picking the

best opportunities from their technical reserves, but they are not finding much new oil with the drill bit."

Wood Mackenzie points out that the picture could change markedly if new reserves were announced by oil companies drilling west of the Shetland Islands where BP announced its 340 million barrel Schiehallion discovery in 1993. However, since then, BP has announced no major discoveries and released little information. According to the consultant, there are some 160 "tight holes" in the UK Continental Shelf. These are wells drilled where the operator fails to disclose the results of the

Dwindling bounty from be-neath the North Sea could have serious implications for the Government and the service industries that depend on the North Sea oil industry.

Royal Mail urges CWU to hold vote

The Royal Mail yesterday urged the Communications Workers Union to ballot its members on a new pay and conditions deal. This was last week rejected by the union executive because of some leaders' opposition to management plans to introduce team-working. The executive meets today to discuss the dispute. Members will stage the latest in a series of 24-hour strikes

Selfridges plan

Sears is planning to expand the Selfridges department store in Oxford Street by adding 150,000 sq ft of space. The move could cost £100 million and would depend on Westminster Council giving planning permission.

Broker quits

Pat O'Reilly, one of the City's best known stockbrokers, is leaving Panmure Gordon after 25 years to join rival Charterhouse Tilney.

Virgin Atlantic about to sign Caribbean carrier deal

VIRGIN ATLANTIC is close to sealing a £30 million deal which could lead to Richard Branson's airline taking control of BWIA International Airways, one of the main carriers between the UK and the Caribbean.

The purchase would be a quantum leap for Virgin, giving it access to a well-run airline with more than £300 million of turnover to add to already built up by Virgin. A link with BWIA would fit nicely with Virgin Holidays, which has strong ties in the West Indies, with Mr Branson owning Necker, a paradise island in the British Virgin

Virgin would initially buy a 27 per cent stake in BWIA. becoming a partner with the Trinidad & Tobago Government and three other investors, joining forces with BWIA in marketing, pilot training. servicing airplanes and the like. Virgin would then have the option of taking another 24 per cent to give it majority

gin Atlantic executive with links in the Caribbean, is in touches to the deal.

☐ British negotiators have told their US counterparts that they will not get an "open skies" deal unless the proposed alliance between British Airways and American Airlines is given the go-ahead (Harvey Elliott writes). Talks so far have seen the American side hoping to get a new transatlantic air services agreement signed by November 5, before the US Presidenrial election. But British officials from the Department of Transport are refusing to sign any new agreement unless the link between BA and AA - seen as the only realistic way for British airlines to tap into the vast American market

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- is formally approved. They have also refused to offer "fifth freedom" rights to American carriers to enable them to fly to another country after stopping in Heathrow, arguing that they can do this through code-sharing deals which do not take up as many

Brian Pocock, a senior Vir-

Potential suitors queue for Kepit

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE bid by TR European Growth Trust (Treg) to liquidate the assets of Kleinwort European Privatisation Investment Trust (Kepit) has flushed out a number of other potential bidders.

Kepit's board has been ap-proached by several big City institutions interested in taking control of the ailing trust. Kleinwort Benson is also believed to have approached a number of trust managers, inciuding Morgan Grenfell Trust Managers, about taking over the mandate to run Kepit -although not the ownership -either as an investment trust or

a unit trust. An extraordinary meeting of some of the 77,000 Kepit shareholders tomorrow is due to vote on the board's proposal to narrow the discount at which the trust is trading by buying back 60 per cent of Kepit shares.

However, Kepit's fund managers. Kleinwort Benson Investment Management Limited (KBIM), put forward plans on Friday to make Kepit a unit trust and are seeking to have the EGM postponed.

One industry source said the KBIM proposals were by no means certain to be adopted. The board is waiting to see whether alternative offers

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are more tempting," he added. The Kepit flotation in 1994 pulled in a record £800 million from investors buoved up by successful UK privatisations. The result was a disappointment - European privatisations never offered the easy UK-style profits that were

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Aston Villa clears way to stock market goal

ship football club, is to ask its shareholders to approve a restructuring of the company. which is being seen by City investors as a precursor to a stock market flotation.

The restructuring, which gets rid of a class of high voting shares first issued in the 1950s, would make Doug Ellis, Villa's chairman, E6 million richer overnight. it would leave Villa, whose

players include Gareth Southgate, whose missed penalty put England out of Euro 96, with a valuation of £65 million, according to the recent price of the thinly traded shares. The proposal, to be voted on at an extraordinary share-

holders' meeting on August 15, is to convert the special shares, commanding 15 votes each.

into 15 ordinary shares. In its

circular to shareholders, Villa



Southgate: big asset

argues that this would protect the rights of the holders of the special shares, mostly direc-tors of the club, or people closely associated with them. In recent share restructurings for quoted companies. such as GUS, the issue of new

shares has been more closely related to the relative share price. If that structure was followed. special shareholders would only have received two or three new shares. The most recent price at which special shares traded was £1,500, while a placing of ordinary shares by stockbroker Albert E Sharp recently commanded prices in the region of £650. If the prices hold up, Mr

Ellis's holding of 759 special shares will soar in value from £1.14 million to £7.4 million. valuing his total stake in the club at more than £27 million.

Villa ordinary shares have soared over the past 18 months, in line with most soccer stocks. At the start of 1995 they stood at £120. The club has gained a strong City following, with Credit Lyonnais-Laing and Hoare Govett.

Joint £313m bid with O'Reilly tops rival offer

Mirror near to winning WP

from Mirror Group and Independent Newspapers, the Irish group headed by Tony O'Reilly, is close to securing Westminster Press, the regional newspapers business put up for sale by Pearson (Jason Nissé writes).

The Mirror/O'Reilly axis, which also controls The Independent newspaper, beat off a E303 million bid from Newsquest, the ambitious regional newspaper group backed by money from US Kohlberg Kravis Roberts. United News &

it might be prepared to pay up to £305 million for WP but never made a formal offer. The Mirror/O'Reilly team

is understood to have increased its offer late in the day, tempted by the prospect of an £8 million pension fund surplus. It would be Mirror's first move into regional newspapers in England, which is a business Independent Newspapers has been attracted to for some time. A deal is expected to be announced today, with Pear-son hoping to deflect attention away from poor half-year results that will reflect the continued problems at Mindscape, the Calfornian software operation which has fallen into losses since being bought three years ago. There will also be specula-

tion about the successor to Frank Barlow, Pearson's managing director, who is due to retire next year. The company is believed to be looking to an outsider, much to the chagrin of Greg Dyke who runs Pearson TV and John Makinson, recently promoted to finance director.

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Four more one-day strikes called

Royal Mail monopoly suspended

By Christine Buckley and Andrew Pierce

THE Post Office's monopoly on delivering letters was suspended for a month yesterday after union leaders announced four more one-day strikes to

follow today's stoppage.

Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, announced that for the first time in 25 years, private companies would be allowed to deliver letters with a postage of less than £1. But none of the big courier firms intended to step into the breach; all were looking for a permanent end to the monopoly.

The suspension came after the postal executive of the Communication Workers' Union rejected a deal that some its leaders had agreed with Royal Mail negotiators last week. No fresh talks are planned and further strikes were announced for August 14. 22 and 30 and September 2.

Mr Lang said the union's decision left him no alternative "but to seek to protect the interests of businesses and gave a warning that the suspension could be extended for a further three months if the strikes continued.

John Roberts, the Post Office chief executive, said that a prolonged suspension could copardise the postal service. The loss of business could lead to higher prices and undermine universal deliveries.

Mr Lang will review the position this time next month. Under the Telecommunications Act, he can renew temporary suspensions indefinitely. but a permanent removal of. the monopoly would require egislation. He has already

ardered officials to draw up proposals to outlaw disruption in essential services and the privatisation of the Post Office abandoned after a backbench revolt two years ago — is again being

The Government is setting no guidelines for operators which want to take advantage of the suspension and they are free to canvass for business from today. The courier and parcel companies that would benefit most from an end to

the Post Office monopoly

made clear, however, that they

were not interested. Stewart Bint of TNT, which delivers 400,000 packages a day, said: The monopoly would have to be ended permanently. Then we could work to bring costs down for both consumer and business mail users."

UPS, the world's biggest package distribution com-pany, also said it had no plans to offer an alternative to the Royal Mail. "UPS will not sten in and offer a solution to the strike situation," the company's marketing director Colin Beesley said.

Amtrak was considering the options, but a spokesman said: "We will have to see what happens in the long term, rather than the short term." And DHL said it would not be interested in stepping in for a month: "Anything that is going to be for a period of four weeks, with the requirement to build infrastructures and so on, does not give any operator

time to put it in place."

The latest round of strikes was announced after the

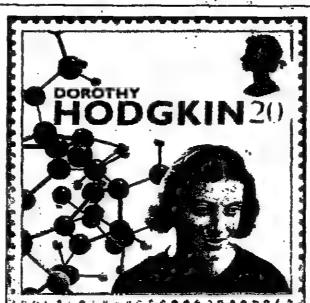
union's postal executive rejected the "teamworking" element of the Royal Mail offer. That would give employees extra responsibility for self-management, and the union's general secretary Alan Johnson said that it would be unacceptable

in any shape or form. Mr Lang immediately accused the postal workers of giving the public "a bunch of fives". He called for a secret ballot of union members and said: "The five 24-hour strikes confirm that militancy within the trade union movement continues to thrive."

With the Tories confident of turning the dispute to their advantage, ministers will now press Tony Blair to condemn the stoppages. But Mr Lang said: "It is no secret why new Labour refuses to condemn the union — it bankrolls the Labour Party to the tune of £250,000 a year."

Stephen Byers, the Shadow Employment Minister, countered: "The Government has been far more interested in playing politics with the issue than in trying to play their part in resolving it. This is because they are both determined to play politics with any industrial dispute at the moment and as part of their longterm agenda to privatise the Post Office. Mr Lang's announcement has no support within the industry and is not in the customer's interest."

The last time the monopoly was lifted was during a pro-tracted industrial dispute under the Heath Government in 1971. It was suspended at the Post Office's request from January 18 until March 10.











Discord on women given the stamp of approval

DALYA ALBERGE

A SET of decorative stamps celebrating "great 20th-centu-ry women" plunged the Royal Mail into new controvers yesterday after the likes of Marie Stopes, Virginia Woolf, Emmeline Pankhursi and Agatha Christie failed to make the grade,

The new stamps honour Elisabeth Frink, Dorothy Hodgkin, Margot Fonteyn, Daphne du Maurier and Marea Hartman. And while the Royal Mail admitted that some were not household names, it argued that they had achieved outstandingly throughout their lives.

Their contributions to art and literature, science and sport made a major impact during their lives and contin-ue to be influential today," a spokesman said. "They are modern women who helped to shape the century. We had to choose from about 100 names and it was very difficult to bring it down to iust five."

Dorothy Hodgkin won the Nobel Prize in 1964 for her pioneering work on the struc-

those great dames of film, theatre and television? 9

at 15 and went on to become prima ballerina assoluta and president of the Royal Academy of Dancing: Elisabeth Frink was the most notable British woman sculptor of her generation, with public works including the Eagle Lecturn in Coventry Cathedral.

Daphne du Maurier remains a best-seller 60 years after the publication of her first novels, while Marea Hartman inspired genera-tions of young women othletes.

But the selected few brought protests from the worlds of literature, art and sport. Quentin Bell, Virginia Woolf's nephew and biogra-pher, thought Du Maurier a rather obscure choice, "She was an agreeable writer of agreeable fiction, but not a great or serious author. Ivy Compton-Burnett might have been more appropriate."

Martin Brown of Equity was disappointed that there was no actress on the list. "What about all those great dames of film, theatre and television? Edith Sitwell, Edith Evans, Peggy Ash-croft?" he said. "Any of them have been fantastic."

James Brock, director of classical marketing for EMI, thought the cellist Jacqueline du Pré an obvious choice.Carmen Callil, who founded the Virago Press, said: "As much as I love Du Maurier, I wouldn't have chosen her. I could think of 500 others. And Karen Fielder, from the Women, Heri-tage and Museum group, said: It would have been nice to see Marie Stopes, Virginia Woolf or one of the suffragcities represented."

Six marketing and design employees from the Royal Mail worked with the tenstrong Stamp Advisory Committee on the project. The committee includes the television presenter Floella Benjamin, Gwyneth Dunwoody MP, philatelist Dr Jean Alexander, and the designers Mary Lewis and Professor Alan Livingston. The stamps, which go on sale today, were designed by Stephanie Nash.

Callers swamp hotline to shop their neighbours

HUNDREDS of callers used the new national condidential 'shop-a-benefit-cheat" telephone line within hours of its aunch yesterday. More than 200 rang within

the first 60 minutes of the service being set up by Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secnetary. By 3pm, four hours after the service began, the number was more than 800. The day's total was 1,650.

Some of the tip-offs were about people accused of run-ning illicit car repair business-es at their homes while claiming unemploymenet benefit, others about painters and decorators who worked while signing-on and one about a fireman who was doing a second job but not declaring the income. "It has been an extraordinary success," said a DSS official.

Peter Lilley dismissed the clamour of criticism from rival politicians and poverty action groups, who accused the Government of the wrong priorities and stoking up trouble between neighbours with the introduction of what they called a "snooper's charter". Fie said: "Every pound lost on fraud means a pound less to belp people in genuine need, it is a velcome addition to the

battle against fraud." A team of 55 Benefits Agency staff in Presson handled the calls which far ex-ceeded expectations. Operators provided their christian names but did not seek the identity of callers.

The £500,000 advertising campaign to publicise the hotline will centre on the slogan: "Know of a benefit rip-off? Give us a telephone tip-

The Civil and Public Services Association predicted that the service would lead to a

further increase of assaults on staff from people who were the victims of malicious tip-offs, Barry Reamsbottom, the General Secretary of the CPSA, said: "The Government is introducing a snooper's line which can also be turned into a grudge-line. There is bound to be a backlash as members are forced to investigate more complaints. A lot of people will see us as snoopers, and if people feet harassed or unfairly treated they are more likely to lash out at staff."

Mr Lilley rejected the charge. "We are not asking



Blunt message of the £500,000 campaign

people to snoop into their neighbours' business." The aim of the hotline was to "turn the tables" on fraudsters. "The vast majority of people are honest but there is a lars minority who are dishonest we must stop them abusing the system so that we can continue to afford to provide a decent level of provision for everybody else.

The move is part of a major crackdown on benefit fraud, which is currently estimated to be running at £3 billion a year. Mr Lilley disclosed yesterday that more than £1.4 billion in fraud had been detected and prevented last year - double the figure for the previous

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a loyalist parade from passing through a nationalist area of the city on Saturday in the hope of reducing sectarian



The Times on the Internet



Phone users face playing numbers game yet again

PLANS to introduce a new system of telephone codes just 16 months after the last big overhaul were criticised last night by consumers facing a multimillion-pound bill for

the changes.

Business and private phone users will have to pay to update stationery, computer programs, publicity and advertising material. The capacity for eight billion new numbers was introduced on

PhONEday last year. The British Chambers of Commerce said: "We are slightly disappointed they didn't get it right the first time. Businesses may be finding it a bit wearisome to go through it Don Cruickshank, Director-

General of Telecommunica-tions (Oftel), admitted: "Our ability to forecast the increase in numbers is not very good." However, he said that the urgent need to overhaul the numbering system again was a reflection of Britain's leading position in the information revolution and of the mushrooming demand for telecommunication services.
The Labour Party attacked

Oftel, the telecommunications regulator, for creating a "shambles" and complained at the cost. If the new proposals are

adopted, they will involve changing all existing domestic numbers in five big cities from the year 2000, all existing mobile and pager phone num-bers, all specially tariffed and premium rate service numbers, and many large businesses' phone numbers. The total number of changes, excluding the business users, would be at least 15 million. No changes will be introduced

before the year 2000. The new scheme would devote all numbers beginning 05 to big business customers, reserve 07 for mobile telephones, pagers and "find me anywhere" personal numbers. put all specially tariffed serrices such as freephones and shared cost and revenue services in the 08 category, and make premium rate services instantly recognisable by hav-

ing them all begin 09.

Mr Cruickshank, whose previous proposals for more modest changes were rejected by industry and consumer groups last year, said in London yesterday that his new scheme, published in a consultative document, provided "a clear and transparent plan for the future". He said: "It sweeps away anomalies and will give customers a dear indication of the type of service

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RUC orders change to loyalist parade

POLICE in Belfast have banned a loyalist parade from passing through a nationalist area of the city on Saturday in the hope of reducing sectarian tensions during a weekend of contentious marches.

Members of the loyalist Apprentice Boys, who were route their march away from the Roman Catholic Lower Ormeau Road, condemned the police decision last night as "deplorable".

The RUC vigorously defended its decision, which was made as nationalists and Unionists held intensive talks in Londonderry over a much larger and more contentious Apprentice Boys parade in the city on Saturday.

Bill Stewart, the RUC's Assistant Chief Constable in Belfast, made clear that the decision was designed to help the negotiations in London-derry. He said: "It is our fervent hope that everyone will exercise their influence to ensure peace is maintained."

There are fears that serious sectarian violence could erupt across Northern Ireland if nationalists fail to reach agreement with the Apprentice Boys over Saturday's parade in Londonderry. Up to 10,000 lovalists are due to converge for the last contentious parade in a marching season that has seen the worst violence for

Loyalists are due to stage two parades in the city to mark the Siege of Derry in 1689. In the first, and most contentious, the Apprentice Boys' Parent Clubs are due to march along the city walls at 9.30am from their memorial hall to the cenotaph and on to a St Columb's Cathedral.

Later they are due to be joined by up to 10,000 Apprentice Boys from across Northern Ireland. This parade is due to pass from the Protestant Waterside area of Londonderry across the Craig-avon Bridge, around the city centre and back across the

Nationalists in Londonderry object to the first parade



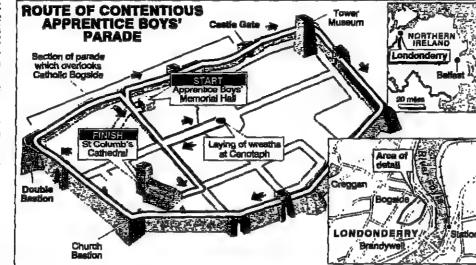
Nationalists in the Bogside, spurred on by Sinn Fein, have demonstrated their opposition to the parade by painting new murals

a stretch of the city walls that overlooks the Roman Catholic Bosside area. Trouble flared last year when the RUC cleared Sinn Fein demonstrators from the city walls to

allow the march to take place. Serious sectarian violence during the parade in 1969 led to the deployment of British troops on the streets of Londonderry and Belfast at the start of the modern-day

John Hume, the leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, and MP for Foyle, last night chaired the alists and the Apprentice Boys in the hope of finding an agreement over the march. It is understood that the Apprentice Boys insisted that their parade should pass along the full circuit of the historic walls.

As a gesture to the national-ists the loyalists agreed to allow screens and barbed wire to be erected along the section of the walls that overlooks the Bogside. They also agreed to



limit the number of bands on the walls and not to play along

the disputed section. Nationalists from the Bogside insisted at the meeting that the march should be confined to the city centre within the walls. They also

called for the RUC to be banned from policing the parade. The nationalists also gave warning that any agreeover Londonderry would be worthless if the lovalists fail to reach agreement with nationalists on

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behind each prefix, and the likely cost of their calls."

Oftel suggests that London's existing 0171 and 0181 codes could be reunited under the

single code 020 followed by 7

or 8 and seven other digits.

Alternatively, the split be-

tween inner and outer London

could be maintained, using

the codes 020 and 022 followed

For Cardiff, the proposal is

that the 01222 code should be

replaced in the year 2000 by

0282. Adjacent areas, such as

Newport, Barry, Pontypridd

and Pontypool could be amal-

gamated into the new code. Belfast's 01232 code would

be changed to 0292 and it is

suggested that the short code

029 could used for the whole of

New codes of 0233 for Southampton and 0235 for

Portsmouth would allow the

Southampton code to extend to

Romsey, Lymington, Win-

chester and Fareham West;

Portsmouth could incorporate Chichester, Petersfield and

Mr Cruickshank said he

had no idea what the changes would cost, but said that it

would be less than the

Fareham East.

Northern Ireland by 2003.

by eight digits.

other parades on Saturday in Bellaghy, Co Londonderry Pat Devine, a former SDLP Mayor of Derry, called for restraint from the Apprentice Boys to recognise nationalist fears about triumphalist

of the Apprentice Boys coming to Derry and doing what they However. Alasdair Simp-

people of the most moderate

opinion deeply resent the idea

son, the Governor of the Apprentice Boys, called on nationalists to recognise how important it is for loyalists to be allowed to march along the walls as they commemmorate the 13 Apprentice Boys who slammed the gates of the city in the faces of the Catholic Jacobite forces during the

Siege of Derry. He said: There are those who say it is a triumphalist march. It is nothing of the sort. It is a commemoration. It is like other people in Northern Ireland and across the water commemorating the fallen of

two world wars. The Apprentice Boys have agreed to comply with the RUC order. They will march as far as the Ormeau Bridge where they will board buses to Derry to join the main Ap-

NEWS IN BRIEF

No prosecution on custody death

Police officers will not face prosecution over the death in custody of Wayne Douglas, which provoked riots in Brixton last December. Mr Douglas, 26, died after he was arrested as a suspect in an aggravated burglary. Police said he brandished a knife and long-handled batons were used to disarm him. Two post-mortem examinations blamed the death on a heart attack. Yesterday the Crown Prosecution Service said: "After careful consideration, senior lawyers decided that there is insufficient evidence for a realistic prospect of conviction."

Scotland Yard said an inquest will be held later and any question of disciplinary action would be decided afterwards. Mr Douglas's brother Albert said: "It is no more than I

World Service reprieve

Jeremy Hanley, the junior Foreign Office Minister, gave a Jeremy Hanley, the junior Foreign Office Minister, gave a strong hint yesterday that the Government will seek to shelve proposals by John Birt, the BBC Director-General, to reorganise the World Service. Mr Hanley said that the BBC had guaranteed that no irrevocable change would be made pending a review of how the "special nature" of the service could be maintained.

£175,000 pollution fine

Severn Trent Water was fined £175,000 and ordered to pay £44,000 in costs and compensation after it admitted leaking chemicals into the River Wye, killing 33,000 young salmon. Cardiff Crown Court was told it was the company's 34th conviction since privatisation in 1990. Judge Prosser said: To be convicted so many times shows that the management

The eagle has flown

Conservationists are celebrating the first successful rearing in Britain for four years of a golden eagle. The bird has flown from the eyrie, which has been guarded around the clock throughout the nesting season by members of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, at a 25.000-acre nature reserve at Haweswater in the Lake District. Eagles have been nesting in the valley since 1969.

Singer's bus burnt out

A touring bus and £150,000 of musical equipment belonging to a leading country and western singer was set on fire by masked men in Northern Ireland yesterday. Police said that three of Dominic Kirwan's crew members were ordered out of the vehicle when it was stopped in a nationalist area of Armagh, Dominic, from Omagh, Co Tyrone, was not on the

Britons on drug charge

Two British teenagers are being held in Morocco accused of trying to smuggle out six kilos of hashish. Sally Griffiths, 17, and Clare Martin, 19, who are believed to be holidaymakers from Harwich, were each charged with possessing three kilos of the drug after being arrested at Casablanca airport on July 31. They will have to wait until Friday for a decision on whether the authorities proceed with the case

Gladiator girl to recover

The Gladiators contestant who was partially paralysed in a fall was told yesterday that she will make a full recovery. Nicki Claxton. 22, fractured a vertebra when she fell 20ft after slipping from the Pole-Axe apparatus used in the television show. A consultant at the Northern General Hospital, Sheffield, told the student she did not need surgery and would eventually regain feeling in her lower back and legs.

Great bore sets record

Steve King has set a new world distance record by surfing 5½ miles non-stop on the Severn Bore tidal wave in Gloucestershire. He more than doubled the previous best by David Lawson, who had held the record for eight years, as he stayed on top of the slow-moving wave for more than an hour. Mr King, 31, said: "Conditions were ideal and I found the perfect wave and stayed with it."

Blair backtracks on introduction of social chapter

By Andrew Pierce political correspondent TONY BLAIR is preparing to delay the introduction of the social chapter if he wins the election, and to abandon Labour's commitment to coopting workers on to company boards. The party leadership has

agreed on a massive consultation exercise with industry leaders and trade unions before agreeing to implement the terms of the chapter. The move could effectively delay

social chapter, branded "socialism by the back door" by the Tories, for months or even years, and lead to confrontation with the unions.

The Labour MP Stephen Byers, appointed last week to a frontbench post handling policy on the Social Chapter, said yesterday: "We will immediately opt in to the social chapter in principle. But in practice we will only agree to implementation after a realistic timetable has been agreed. We will first have to enter into a wide consultation exercise and

period of negotation. Only then will we be able to put our proposals before Parliament." No date has been set for the end of consultations.

Mr Blair's rethink anticipates Tory attacks on the party's support for the social chapter. Further pressure came with the disclosure that Labour MEPs have backed an 87-point wishlist, drawn up by Padraig Flynn. the European Commissioner for Social Affairs, for inclusion in the chapter. The list, which will be presented to the inter-govenrmtal conference at the end of the year, includes moves to outlaw discrimination against employees who make complaints or refuse an unacceptable workload, the right to collective bergaining in all companies, and quotas on the employment of women and ethnic minority groups.

Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, said last night: "They are trying to fudge their commitment but it does not fool us and it will not fool business. Until Labour commit themselves to keep the opt-out there

PhONEday operation, and

much less than the costs that would follow if necessary

and 30 areas beyond the five

most urgent cities will require

more numbers in the next 15 to

20 years. Exchanges expected

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Trent, Oxford, Wolverhamp-

ton and Wigan. By 2012 new

codes will also be needed in

Bolton, Ascot, Markyate,

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city number changes are, with

present codes in parentheses,

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changes were not made. Oftel adds that between 25

Numbers game

can be no doubt they aim to sign up to the social chapter, which will destroy hundreds of thousands of jobs."

Labour will fight for a veto on coopting workers on to boards because it believes the system, which is widespread in Europe, would not work in Britain where company structures are different. However, i is maintaining support for the provision within the chapter for works councils, which bring together management and employees to discuss employment conditions.

Dublin puts out the flags for an Olympic heroine BY AUDREY MAGEE IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

IRELAND has prepared a hero's welcome today for Michelle Smith, winner of three gold medals, at the end of the country's most successful Olympic Games.

Up to 60,000 people are expected to greet Smith when she arrives at Dublin airport. Mary Robinson, the President, will lead the welcoming party for the swimmer and the rest of the Olympic team. They top buses to the city centre for a mid-morning rally at the General Post Office on O'Connell Street, the 1916 stronghold of Irish rebels fighting British

But shadows hang over the homecoming, making it un-likely that the partying will reach the pirch of 1990, when Dublin raised the roof for the Irish football team that reached the quarter-finals of the World Cup in Italy.
There is widespread disap-

pointment that Sonia O'Sullivan, Ireland's principal Olym-

Smith: won three gold medals and a bronze

pic hope, failed to fulfil expectations. She was stricken by illness and is not expected to return home for some time. The Irish have also been embarrassed by infighting hetween the country's Olympic officials in Atlanta.

Today's celebrations will be followed swiftly by a ministerial inquest into the dispute between the Olympics Council of Ireland and Bord Luthchleas na hEireann, the govern-ing body of Irish athletics. The

organisations made with separate sports-gear manufacturing companies and the kit that had to be worn at the games by Irish contestants. Bernard Allen, the Minister for Sports. will lead the investigation into the public squabble. Michelle Smith's father, Bri $V_{\rm LM}^{\rm max}$

an yesterday attacked the allegations of drug-taking made against her. "Michelle never took an Aspro in her life, never mind a drug . . . To take drugs to me is unforgiveable. To be caught on drugs would shame not only her but her whole family and treland, and Michelle would never let down the people of Ireland by doing anything untoward."
Mr Smith told RTE radio.

He said that his daughter did not cheat to achieve her unexpected success. He said that she had worked hard and consistently and that he and his wife. Pat, were very proud of her achievement. He challenged critics to prove that she had behaved dishonestly.

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Court battle over exam grade

By David Charter EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A TEENAGER launched a High Court claim for damages yesterday against an examination board he claims blighted his future by award-

ing him a low GCSE grade, Simon Zekaria believes that his performance at GCSE English literature merited better than the grade D awarded by the Midland Examining Group. He blames the low

grade for being rejected for English courses at his two preferred universities.

The writ is the latest stage in a two-year battle against the board, now part of the University of Cambridge group, which has stuck by its judgment through three re-

Mr Zekaria took the examination at University College School, north London, which made an appeal on his behalf. His father, Issac, who had an

earlier request for a judicial review rejected, said: "I feel very bitter. English is my son's best subject. He was devastated by his result."

The writ accuses the board of failing to mark Mr Zekaria's papers fairly and with reasonable skill and care. The board says that the result has been checked and confirmed and nothing more can be done.

A date has not been set for the hearing.

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no other valuables. Those in court were only part of the gang, and others have yet to be brought to justice. Betson had bragged to

A TEENAGE gang leader boasted that he was too clever

to be caught as he preyed on the intellectuals of Cambridge. Robert Betson grew so confi-dent that he told a victim with

He walked into a trap. The

victim had alerted the police, and detectives could not believe their luck when the 16-

year-old thug arrived at the

Yesterday Betson and members of his self-styled Robbery

Crew were given custodial

sentences as a judge called

them modern-day highway-men and footpads. They had robbed hundreds in a four-

month crime spree, including

many undergraduates. Police

believe that many victims

were too scared to come

The targets of their attacks

were threatened, beaten and

robbed, sometimes at knife-

point. Some were frog-

marched to cash machines and forced to withdraw

money. If they did not have enough cash, their watches,

jeweilery, cheque books and

other items were taken. One

youth had a light from his

bicycle stolen because he had

no ready cash to meet him the

next day with £100.



Betson: boasted that he would not be caught

gang had carried out more than 200 attacks and stolen more than £8,000. He told them that they would be killed if they reported the crime, and said that the gang was too clever to be caught by the

In reality they were any-thing but clever. All the offences were committed without masks or hoods, some in front of bank security

All the defendants had pleaded guilty at Cambridge Crown Court. It was said that, between October 1995 and January 1996, members of the gang hunted in packs, preying by members of the gang who asked for spare change or offered to sell drugs. The youths would then become more threatening and demand

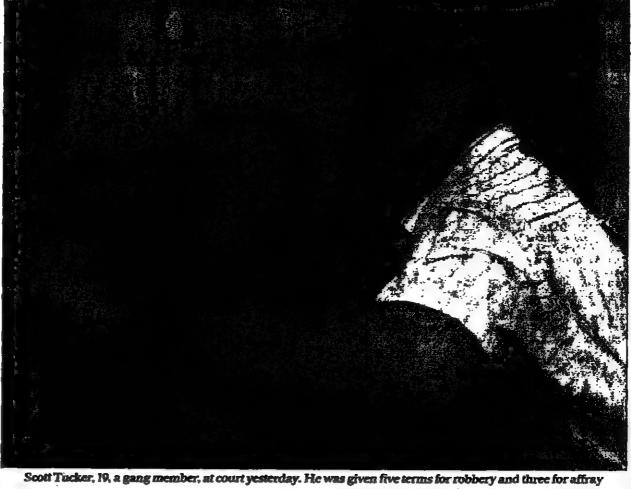
Many were told by their attackers that they had guns or knives. Others were punched and kicked when they resisted or did not have enough money to satisfy the robbers. One youth was robbed twice by the same

gang. Sentencing the gang, Judge John Sheerin said: "You are all young and that is part of the tragedy of this case. But you can properly be described as

modern-day footpads.
The citizens of this city were abused and put in terror. It was frightening and violent, Citizens going about their must be protected."

The judge recalled that Betson had told one victim: Give us your money and you can go." The judge comment-ed: "You told him as if you were some kind of highwayman. It was bravado, but it was frightening and

The judge praised the police operation which had netted the gang saying: "You had a job to do and you did it well. I hope that such a catalogue of offences never



comes back to this court

Betson, who was 17 yesterday, was sentenced to ten concurrent sentences of six years for robbery. With him in the dock were David Doran, 18, who received five concurrent six-year sentences for

Scott Tucker, 19, received five concurrent two-year terms for robbery and three concur-

rent 12-month terms for assault and affray, the sentences to run consecutively. Martin Williams, 16, was given two years on each of three counts of robbery, the sentences to run concurrently.

Aaron White, 16, was sentenced to four concurrent erms of three years for robbery. Gareth Almrott, 17, was jailed for 12 months for a robbery and a consequtive six

these defendants were from Cambridge.
Daniel Stagg, 16, of Cottenham, Cambridgeshire,

was given 12 months for his part in one robbery. Another fendant, 17-year-old John Walsh, who admitted nine robberies, will be sentenced later. A ninth defendent, Paul Spooner, 20, who faces rob-

being given bail.

The officer in charge of the case, Acting Detective Inspector Brian Hall, told the court: Robbery is a serious matter and this affected a lot of people. It got to the stage where people were afraid to go on the streets. These incidents were some of the most serious on the streets of Cambridge

Orderly is accused of switching blood test

By JOANNA BALE

A HOSPITAL orderly and his girlfriend, a nurse, tampered with a paternity-test blood sample so that he could avoid paying maintenance for his in child by another woman. Court was told yesterday.
Timothy Anderson, 24, and
Elizabeth Mills, 33, sent a

sample from another man for ... analysis. Carol Thomas, 42, who had become pregnant when she and Mr Anderson had been lovers, complained to Medway NHS Trust and the police when the test showed that he was not the father of her daughter.

Mr Anderson was arrested ; and another sample taken. .. This proved that he was almost 6,000 times more likely to be the child's father than any other man.

Mr Anderson, of Lenham, Kent, denies committing an act intending to pervert the course of justice between May 1994 and June 1995. Ms Mills, a mother of three who lives with him, has admitted the same charge and will be sentenced at the end of his trial at Maidstone Crown Court.

The jury was told that Mr Anderson and Mrs Thomas met in January 1993 and, by March that year, she was pregnant. Mr Anderson asked her to have an abortion, but the baby girl was born in November. When the Child Support Agency obliged Mr Anderson to have a blood test, he swapped the samples. The



Farmer says he fired at burglar in self-defence

A FARMER who marked his Hartley, from Huddersfield, property with the sign "Never had awoken from a drunken mind the dog, beware of the sleep and decided to find cars owner", fired at a burglar with. a 12-bore shotgun, a court

was told yesterday. Kenneth Hall, 63, shot at Neil Hartley, 32, who had broken into a car on his isolated farm at Thurstoniand in the Pennine Hills above Huddersfield. Hartley suffered wounds to his shoulder. jaw and tongue and spent four

days in hospital.

Mr Hall told police the gun had gone off accidentally as the burglar came towards him in the early hours of June 25 last year. He said he acted in self-defence because he feared the burglar had a knife.

Mr Hall yesterday denied causing grievous bodily harm with intent. He also pleaded

not guilty at Bradford Crown Court to causing grievous bodily harm without intent. Hartley, described as a thief and a burglar, admitted theft at Huddersfield Magistrates'

Court last December. He was given community service and ordered to pay Mr Hall E27 Graham Hyland, for the prosecution, said that Mr Hall

The sign at the entrance to Hall's isolated farm

had fitted a security system after a spate of break-ins.

from which to steal. He walked 32 miles to Mr Hall's farm in the belief that secluded property was less likely to be locked. Hartley said that he had not intended to burgle houses and had found £27 in the dashboard of a car parked in Mr Hall's

After taking the money he saw a light in the farmhouse. Hartley said: "There was a silhouette in the doorway. I didn't see if he had anything in his hands. I ran back up the drive. He shouted 'Stop!', but I kept running. I saw a blue flash in my left eye and heard a Jarge bang. I carried on running and it was like being hit with a sledgehammer. I didn't know what it was."

Hartley, who was bleeding heavily, realised that he had been shot and hid in undergrowth before giving himself

Mr Hall was arrested and told police that he was aiming over the intruder's head when his gun went off. He said that Hartley had warned him he had a knife, a claim which Harrley denies.

The case continues.



BY ADAM FRESCO

A FASHION journalist was stabbed to death by her former lover who refused to accept the end of their relationship, an

inquest was told yesterday.
Rudolf de Beillian is said to have admitted murdering Elizabeth Prangnell, 46, from Eastbourne, in her apartment in Paris, slashing her twice in the neck with a butcher's but delived it there? knife, but claimed it was a crime of passion.

The inquest at Eastbourne was told that M de Beillian, 26, told police he had been unable to believe that their relationship had ended and began to stalk Ms Pranguell, continually pestering her at her flat.

The coroner's officer read a report from the French police which said that, after Ms him, he let himself into her home when she returned from work three days before Christmas last year and attacked her, shaking her by the neck before stabbing her. After the killing he rang his mother, who alerted the police. His trial will take place next year.

The coroner returned a verdict of unlawful killing.

Ms Prangnell had lived in Paris for 20 years, working for Le Figuro before recently nurning freelance. Her father, William, of Westham, East Sussex, who lost an eight-year-old son when he was hit by a car, said yesterday: "The last time we saw her was a couple of weeks before Christmas when she came over with her boyfriend. We disliked him intensely. Apparently she tried to get rid of him when they got back, but he broke into her flat and killed her."

He said that his daughter, who had been married three times, "was a wonderful girl and it has broken our heart what has happened. We still cannot believe it." She had gone to France as an artist after studying at colleges in Eastbourne and London. When she went out to France they sent her all around the world on jobs," her father

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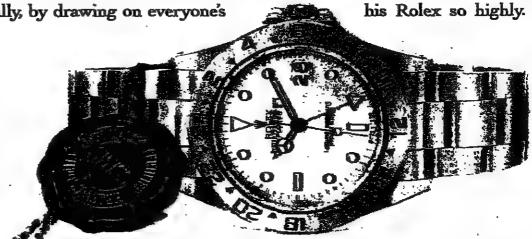
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Actor's dog is brought to heel

WILLIAM ROACHE. who plays Ken Barlow in Coronation Street, has agreed to obey a court order to control his Jack Russell terrier after a

neighbour's dog was savaged to death. Mr Roache, 64, from Wilmslow, Cheshire, did not appear before Macclesfield magistrates, but agreed through his solicitor to keep

Cindy, his Jack Russell, under

McKnight, for the prosecution, told the court that in July Cindy and Harvey, Mr Roache's labrador, attacked Corrie, a Yorkshire terrier belonging to Audrey Jolley, 83, who was walking her two terriers near

the Roaches' home. Both ran at the eldest of her dogs and attacked it together, and effectively pulled it apart."
Mr McKnight said. Corrie had to be put down. Mr McKnight told magistrates there had been previous problems involving the labrador, "proper control". Patrick

which Mr Roache had agreed to have destroyed.

David Crank, for Mr

Roache, said Cindy had previously been well behaved and, since the attack, Mr Roache and his wife, Sara, had taken steps to secure it.

Mrs Roache said after the case that she was happy with the result. "But in some ways Cindy was not guilty ... She was inspired by Harvey the labrador. Cindy was present when it happened ... but she

Beef farmers call for cull of all herds with BSE

sheep - to cattle.

Dairy farmers,

because they have been able to

continue selling milk and

have been compensated for

the destruction of cows over

30 months old which used to

specialist beef farmers, 85 per

cent of whom have had no

BSE cases, have seen cattle

prices drop by up to a third

Government and the Euro-

Alastair Davy, who keeps a

herd of 85 Limousin beef cows

in Swaledale, North York-

shire, and is a member of the

breakaway alliance, said: Farmers like me are desper-

ately worried about will hap-

pen in the autumn sales.

Many of us have been holding

animals back in the hope that

prices would improve. I have

never had a case of BSE, but at

the moment I am looking at

prices of about 115p a kilogram

liveweight, compared with

pean Union.

BEEF farmers have called for a radical extension of the cattle cull, including the option of slaughtering entire herds that have had even one case of "mad cow" disease.

In the first serious rift within the cattle industry, a breakaway group of beef farmers said that the cull should certainly include the slaughter of all calves born to cows that have died of BSE. Dairy farmers are bitterly opposed to any wholesale slaughter of cattle herds and question the need for killing the progeny of BSE cows, despite evidence that some calves may have caught the

disease from their dams. The Ministry of Agriculture is understood to be considering culling only the last calves born to cows with BSE, which could involve killing 30,000 more animals than the 147,000 identified as being at special

risk of developing the disease. The rebel alliance, called Farming Collaboration, yesterday accused the mainstream National Farmers' Union and the Government of pampering dairy farmers and

ignoring the interests of the beef sector. Fraser MacLeod. who heads Farming Collaboration, which was set up earlier this year to represent about 20,000 beef farmers in Scotland and the hill regions of the rest of Britain, said: The single-industry policy adopted so far by the Government has worked against our interests.

We have tried to lobby

through the National Famers'

Union on behalf of our members, but this has not worked. Now we feel we must put our own case. If that upsets some people, so be it." Mr MacLeod, who is also director of the Scottish Crofters' Union, added: "In herds that have had a case of BSE in

animals born on the farm, the option of slaughtering the whole herd should be carefully considered.

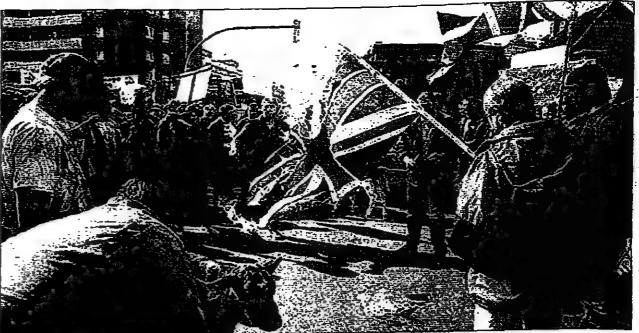
Many beef farmers feel they have been asked to carry the can for dairy farmers, whom they see as mainly responsible for creating the BSE problem by the intensive feeding of meat and bonemeal. This practice, now banned, is thought to have transmitted scrapie - a similar disease in 160p last year, when I need at least 120p to break even. We have got to have a stricter cull policy and clear this disease herds have had more than 90 per cent of BSE cases, have right out of the national herd if we are to restore the market." escaped relatively unscathed

Last month the Government announced a EII2 million aid package for beef farmers. partly funded by the EU. This included £29 million to offset go into the food chain. But lower prices, but will cover only cattle sold before June 30 and amount to no more than £60 an animal.

Beef farmers, who say their and feel they have received losses have averaged closer to inadequate help from the £200 an animal, are demanding more aid and want-it to continue throughout the autumn because prices are showing little sign of recovery.

> the NFU's livestock committee, who keeps dairy cattle and sheep near Whitby, North Yorkshire, said: "I take strong exception to the suggestion that the NFU has not been fighting just as hard for beef farmers. If we do not maintain a united front, everyone will lose out. The dairy and beef industries are totally

Martin Burtt, chairman of



Burning the flag: "The basic feeling is that the British have dumped a huge cowpat on our doorstep'

Britain blamed in German fury

FROM PETER BILD IN BONN

GERMANY has announced still tighter controls on British cattle, amid fears of a collapse in consumer confidence in milk and milk products.

Anti-British feeling has spread among German farmers since a wave of flagwas sparked

Friday that BSE can be transmitted from cows to calves. Now the new controls mean that the farmers may not slaughter or sell the last-born offspring of cows from British herds for which the British authorities cannot provide a

German farmers will have to register these cows, which

will be monitored by the authorities. Bonn ministry experts also want the existing selective cull agreed by Britain to be extended to the last-born offspring of all cattle from herds where there has been

BSE-free guarantee.

one case of BSE. Two states are applying the same rules to all calves from

herds without a BSE-free certificate. Jochen Borchert, the Agriculture Minister, went out of his way to reassure consumers that milk, cheese and chocolate were safe. He advised Germans who wanted to be really sure to buy only German milk products. The latest admission by

Britain was simply the last straw for many Germans. Jann Dircks, a cattle farmer in Schleswig-Holstein, near the Danish border, was a speaker at a protest meeting when Union Flags were burned and calls were made for Britain to be thrown out of the European Union. He has a herd of 180 pure German-bred red whites. but the price he is getting at slaughter has fallen as sales of beef slumped 20 per cent.

The British Government is to blame," he said. "They have problem. Through their inattention and sloppy pursuit of selfish economic interests, they have ignored the fears of consumers. I accuse Britain of being selfish, but we have to solve the problem together in Europe. Chucking the British out isn't the answer."

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Anti-British feeling has deep roots in the farming community, "They grab advantages for themselves and deny them to us," he said. Last year Britain vetoed financial measures agreed by all other countries to compensate German farmers for the devaluation of the pound and the revaluation of the mark, he added.

That anti-British resentment is heightened, he feels, because British farmers who have their animals culled get 75 per cent of the compensation for out of EU funds.

Thomas Graue, chief reporter of a local newspaper. said that he had never seen such tension in Schleswig-Holstein, where people are known for the placed ways: The basic feeling is that the British have dumped a huge



Dr Thomas Stuttaford surrounded by a hostile audience on Esther Rantzen's show last night

Why a diagnosis of ME can be a danger to patients*

AN INVITATION by Esther single phsyical agent that Rantzen to appear on her programme last night to discuss the chronic fatigue syndrome known as ME (myalgic encephalomyelitis) was about as welcome to me, as a doctor. as an invitation to meet the lions would have been to a Christian in Roman times.

Ms Rantzen has written extensively about her daughter's troubles with ME, and whatever the nature of the illness there is no doubt from Ms Rantzen's description that it has severely and worryingly disabled her daughter.

Ms Rantzen has never made any secret of her conviction that ME is a distinct disease with a physical cause and that one of the reasons there is no cure is that research is inadequate and that traditional doctors are half-hearted in

their search for a cure. I suspect that I was chosen by Ms Rantzen as a representative of the typical, probably reactionary, doctor practising traditional medicine who characterised the majority, nearly 75 per cent, of doctors who according to a survey conducted by her programme didn't think that ME was a distinct disease with a physi-

cal cause.
Politics have prepared me for difficult, noisy meetings, and audiences with inflexible opinions. However, with the possible exception of the time I spoke to shop stewards in a railway marshalling yard during a strike. I don't think that I have ever met such aggression and stubborn refusal to listen to, let alone understand, any opinion that was contrary to their own. It was interesting how many of those taking part in the programme - relatives as well as ME sufferers — had a history of psychiatric illness

themselves. During the past few years research has purported to prove that ME is caused by a

produces distinctive physical or chemical signs characteristic of the disease and of nothing else. These "breakthroughs" are, after further investigations, dismissed. A recurring problem in ME research is that sufferers have such disordered and abnormal lives that it would not be unexpected if steroid and other biochemical substances were present in unusual quantities.

The viewpoint determined by the ME Association has dangers. There must be few doctors, certainly none who look after large numbers of younger patients, who haven? seen examples of ME diagnoses that have thereby denied patients treatment that when later prescribed has restored their health.

The second, probably greater, danger is to the many patients who have psychiatric illnesses. To have these diseases - including depressive illness in its various forms. disabling as they often are belittled by such terms as "only in the mind" and as "malingering", is at best offensive and at worst very damaging to all the efforts that have been made to improve the lot. and treatment, of the psychiat-

People still have to learn that psychiatric disease can often produce very severe physical symptoms, which are not imaginary nor induced by malingering; but whether the changes that cause them have started as a reaction to psychological problems or a physical agent may be of secondary importance to finding a

☐ The Rantzen Report — ME: the secret of an epidemic, was broadcast last night on BBCI.

> Dr Thomas STUTTAFORD



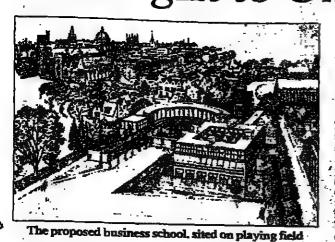
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£20m gift to Oxford University jeopardised by city planners



THE largest donation ever made to Oxford University is in danger of being withdrawn. Wafic Said, the Syrian-born entrepreneur, wants his

and planning permission on a playing field help. Marsfield College is refused, Mr Said will coinsider withdrawing his dollation. He has already rejected carrier plans to site it in an extension to Coford's existing in the part of the college strongers who list the college of on the city's outskirts. The

the university has already raised 18 million sowards the total cost of £40 million. It wants the school ready;

However, the council's planning department has said that a building on the playing field would be fine. The threat to our

its academic parliament — will do ordinating the efforts of the new decide in November whether to apply working party, said "Our argument for planning permission for the is that even if it does not spoil

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Pat Dendy, secretary of the Oxford branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said that the prestige of the university was helping to destroy it. How many more institutes can be set up? she asked. "How much longer can you go on adding to Oxford without spoiling

Mother will not be told of cash offers in abortion case

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

refusing to tell a patient that she is being offered thousands of pounds to change her mind about the abortion of one of her unborn twins.

the anti-abortion group, is offering £1,000 from an anonymous donor to help the woman, Movement For Life, an Italian organisation, is willing to pay her £1,700 a year. But Phillip Bennett, of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, west London, will not pass on the offers to his patient, who has yet to abort her healthy 16week-old foetus.

He told a Sunday newspaper that the woman was a 28-year-old single mother in "straitened" circumstances who already has one child and cannot cope with two more. Professor Bennett agreed to perform what is believed to be the first selective abortion for social reasons because the mother would otherwise have chosen to abort both foetuses.

A spokesman for Hammersmith Hospitals NHS Trust said: "Money isn't the issue. It is kind of them to offer and we will try and respond to them ourselves. But what we are not undertaking to do is to direct those offers to the woman in this case because that would break her confidentiality.

"Not everything is solved by a money offer. I cannot reveal what [Professor Bennett] is going to say to the patient, but the hospital and the professor are determined to keep her confidence. The quickest way of breaking that confidence would be by passing on to her these offers.

The trust said that signifi-cant details of the woman's identity had been disguised and it was unclear whether she would recognise herself

from media reports. The anti-abortion groups

A LEADING obstetrician is denied they were bribing the woman to change her mind. Life has designed a package of emergency care for her. It is willing to find her accommodation in one of its homes for pregnant women and has offered her counselling.
A spokesman said: We are

setting up a national fund to help this woman and others like her who are frightened that they will not be able to survive financially, especially if they are having twins or triplets." The charity suggests she should have the twin adopted by a childless couple if she cannot afford to raise it.

Jack Scarisbrick, Life's chairman, said: "We would not want her to think we are trying to bribe her. We are trying to say: 'Please don't do something which is horrible, liable to haunt you forever and which is going to cause all sorts of trauma and grief."

There were 74 selective abortions in 1994 in Britain. They are usually carried out on women who are given



Bennett has agreed to

ple pregnancies. They are nearly always performed because the foetus has an abnormality or to reduce the chances of losing babies because the woman is carrying too many. This is the first known case of doctors agreeing to a selective abortion for

The Multiple Births Foundation, based at Queen Charlotte's, counsels women who want selective abortions, although it denied knowledge of this case. The small charity, founded to help parents of twins, triplets and quadruplets, gives advice to women who want to abort one or several foetuses.

Jane Denton, its nursing director, said: "If anybody is considering this sort of procedure and contacts us, we would certainly be always willing to see them and discuss the whole procedure and help them look at both sides."

Women who asked it about elective abortion were usually expecting triplets or quads, rather than twins. "The reason for considering the reduction on clinical grounds is clearly the greater risk to pregnancy and the children." Ms Denton said. There is a much higher chance of a baby dying or being disabled because they are likely to be born prema-turely. With twins there is still an increased risk." She denied that this meant there was abortion of demand of multiple pregnancies.

Although the charity operates from Queen Charlotte's,

one of the few British hospitals specialising in selective abor-tions. Ms Denton said it did not send women for terminations to the experts on site. "We wouldn't refer anybody to a specific doctor."



The Duke and Duchess of York made their first public appearance together since their divorce was completed when they arrived with the Princesses Eugenie and Beatrice at Wentworth Golf Club in Surrey yesterday. The Duke was playing in a celeptity tournament for charity

Army deserter blew up barracks for IRA

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

barracks 22 years ago. Peter-McMullen, 49, returned to Britain from the United States earlier this year after a long extradition battle.

He has said that he ultimately fell foul of the IRA when he refused to take part in a kidnapping plot following the bomb attack at the Claro Barracks in Ripon in March 1974. At York Crown Court, he was remanded in custody after a judge asked for reports about his life in the United

McMullen, born in Co Lon-

A COOK who deserted the donderry and linked by mar—Loughran, sister of Seamus Army and joined the IRA riage to a strongly republicant Loughran, charging of the family, admitted falling part. Beliast Republicant Christian in planting four bombs, each later spokesman for the Province weighing up to 25ths. They were left without warning at the barracks, the headquar-

ters of the 38th Regiment the Corps of Royal Engineers, which had many men serving in Northern Ireland. Three of the bombs went off, slightly injuring a Naafi manageress. The fourth was exploded by the Bomb Squad. The former lance corporal

was the son of an RAF gunner and spent much of his childhood on military bases in England, including Ripon. He met and married Eileen

later spokesman for the Provisional Sinn Pein in the city:

McMullen deserted from the Army in 1972, when he was a cook on attachment to The Parachute Regiment. He crossed into the Irish Republic from Londonderry and asked for asylum. He was later arrested and charged with possession of guns, but then balled. The IRA called him 'Pete the Para".

After the attack in 1974, he was arrested in Dublin and jailed on guis possession charges. Released in 1977, he claimed he was pressed back



into the service of the IRA arid sent to New York to plan the owner of a chain of bars. When he refused to carry ordered to return to Dublin to ppear beforehin IRA Court of dquiry. In Dublic /a friend old him he laid been secretly sentenced to death and he fled ack to America. in 1980, he was given per

mission to stay in the United States, triggering a long struggle by Britain to get him back. In March he flew voluntarily from New York, escorted by two officers from North York

shire Police.

McMullen leaned heavily on a stick as he entered York Crown Court, and spoke only to confirm his name and to plead guilty to four charges under the Explosives Act. Judge Myerson remanded him in custody until October.

Cancer vaccines go on trial

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

THE first cervical cancer vaccine will be tested in Britain next year, raising hopes for inoculations against a

rger to pas

A drugs company in Cambridge is to hold trials aimed at treating a virus linked to several sexually transmitted diseases, said the Cancer Research Campaign, which has also developed a vaccine for a virus which causes glandular fever in teenagers and cancers in transplant patients.

Cervical cancer, which affects 4,000 Britons each year and kills a third of them, is more likely in women who lose their virginity early or have many sexual partners. In nine cases out of ten it is are linked to viruses, usually

lomavirus (HPV), which is blamed for genital warts. Cantab Pharmaceuticals will use the vaccine to treat some of the 18,000 women who fail smear tests each year because they have cervical dysplasia, an early form of the cancer. The injections will replace laser therapy or sur-

gery, which can cause infertil-

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ity. By targeting the HPV researchers hope to prevent the cancer returning. Up to 15-per cent of cancers

Some that were once rare are common in Aids sufferers. The Cancer Research Cam-

transmitted sexually or orally.

paign is seeking a drugs company to test a vaccine it has developed to prevent a virus blamed for glandular fever in teenagers and young adults and which can cause cancers in people whose immune systems are suppressed.

The pictures were taken on film, which was ejected from the smellite hundreds of miles up before floating earthwards under parachutes to be caught in mid-air by Hercules C-130

Cold War pictures used for study of global warming

By Nigel HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

aircraft. The technique was later replaced by direct trans-mission of the data. PICTURES of Antarctica takin the 1960s are being used to measure changes in the ice-cap that might indicate global The pictures for compari-

son are being taken by a new satellite, launched late last warming.
The images, which were declassified at the end of last year. Radarsat is a joint Canadian-American operation that will take images at radar wavelengths, enabling it to operate night or day and year, are "a wonderful resource", Dr Kenneth Jezek, director of the Byrd Polar Research Centre at Ohio State see through clouds.

The Radarsat data should University, said yesterday. be available in two years. They cover about 70 per cent of the Antarctic continent. enabling the extent and shape The photographs were tak-en by a series of spy satellites called Corona, Lanyard, and of the ice-cap to be measured and compared with the earlier records. No comprehensive survey yet exists of what is Argon, launched in the early 1960s in polar orbits to moni happening to the ice as temfor Soviet military activity. peratures rise, although observations from British While the northern bemisphere was their primary Antarctic Survey bases have shown some big losses to the target, the opportunity was also taken to obtain pictures

Dr Jezek, speaking in Cambridge on the first day of an international conference on Antarctica, said that the old images had already been used



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BT will block lines to calling-card prostitutes

Number is up for vice adverts in phone boxes

By IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

PROSTITUTES who persistently advertise their services on cards in telephone boxes will have all calls to their numbers blocked. The crackdown follows hundreds of complaints from people offended by the increasingly lurid advertisements.

From the end of next month. security guards will start collecting the cards and feeding the numbers into a central computer. The subscribers will be warned to stop advertising in this way and made to give a written undertaking. If they persist, all incoming calls to their numbers will be stopped. They will still be able

The numbers will be collected nationally, with Westminster, Brighton and Man-chester as the initial target areas. BT is hiring security guards because past attempts by council employees led to threats from "carders" who make more than £100 a day placing the advertisements. in Westminster alone, almost seven million cards a

year are placed in the area's

700 public telephone boxes. In will refuse to give her a line the past five years, the number removed by cleaners has increased from 50,000 to 150,000 a week, but they can reappear within minutes. The council logs hundreds of complaints from residents and visitors.

The new scheme has been worked out by BT lawyers in close liaison with council offi-cers. A pilot scheme four years ago fell foul of Oftel, the telep..one regulator, which upheld a complaint by a prostitute that her line was illegally blocked. The contract of every telephone subscriber is now being altered by BT and every other operator, including Mercury, Nynex and Videotron, so that subscribers will be breaching their terms and conditions if they advertise their numbers in tele-

If a prostitute moves to a new flat with a new number. the same rules will apply. Bob Warner, director of BT Warner, director Payphones, said: "This may be a nuisance to us, but it will be even more of a nuisance to a prostitute. If she persists, we "We are not going to give up on this, and mean to go on until it is stopped. If it doesn't prove effective, then we will go back to the Home Office and

emphasise the case for a change in the legislation." Robert Moreland, the chair-man of Westminster's Planning and Environment Committee, said that the increasingly graphic nature of the cards was causing offence, but the main concern was to tackle litter. This is not an attack on the sex industry, but on something which is giving London an untidy, offensive image."

Inspector Robert Holmes, of the Metropolitan Police clubs and vice unit, said the cards were becoming nastier and more colourful all the time as girls competed for custom with explicit pictures. "Foreign vistors collect these cards and post them abroad," he said. That makes London seem a sleazy and dirty place round the world. This initiative is important because the law as it stands is too weak. We need

ers, confiscate their cards and take them off the streets. The offence should be recordable so that it goes into the national police computer, and repeat offenders can be punished accordingly."

Last year, Westminster was able to prosecute only 135 carders, who were each fined between £40 and £775. "They an occupational hazard or a small tax on a very lucrative income," Mr Holmes said. The council has obtained an injunction against two persistent carders, but with more than 100 operating, it has made little difference.

"Kinky Galinky", whose shiny, leather-clad shape could be seen on cards propped in payphones outside Westminster City Hall yesterwould drive prostitutes on to the streets to solicit. "They don't like us hanging round corners waiting for customers, but if we can't do business on the phone, that is what will



Helmet's lot is not a happy one

By Stewart Tendler

THE policeman's helmet beloved of tourists and traditionalists is under threat from health and safety regulations to be introduced next year.

It would, however, be sadly

missed. The helmet is such a strong symbol of Britain that the British Tourist Authority recently considered an official approach to the police to keep for the sake of tourism.

From 1997, in accordance with EU directives, police work will have to be assessed to see what risks officers face. Once they have been identified, all items of equipment. including the helmet, will be scrutinised to make sure they provide adequate protection. First issued in 1864 in London, the helmet is still made by traditional methods from rabbit fur, cork and glue.

Sir Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, has said he would prefer to keep the helmets because they are so distinctive. However, the tourist authority, with a hint of sadness, conceded: "Safety must come first".

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IT'S not because Cornishmen are inscrutable that they look

at you in that way. It's just that they can't understand half of what you're saying.

That is the message of a new Atlas of English Dialects which finds that regional speech patterns have survived relatively unscathed. The book confounds linguists who predicted that dialects would die as BBC newsreaders offered benchmarks for pukkah pronunciation, as television drama brought every local accent into our sitting rooms (Coronation Street, Spender, Crossroads), and as greater made regional

tongues obsolete. Words retain a geographilose their punch. It's not what you know or who you know that defines you,

but what you say and how you say it. Henry Hig-gins could still place you within yards of your birthplace.

Today may be Tuesday to you, but it's Tyoozday in Cornwall.

Choozday in much of Merseyside. And if you don't agree then you're just being silly. daft, addle-headed, cakey. soft, barmy or gormless. Unless you're from the Middlesbrough area, in which case you're plainly a little fond.

"Every time someone says that dialect has all gone, this is countered by new evidence that it persists," says John Widdowson, co-author of the atlas and Professor at Sheffield University's Centre for English Cultural Tradition.

Whether you throw a ball. or fling chuck, heave, hain, pelt, cob, clod, hoy or yack it says more about you than cash ever can. Londoners have workmates. Tynesiders have marrers; many people in Yorkshire spend their day with a pal, and in Somerset with a butty, but the Home Counties prefer mates.

When they get home they might lay the table for tea down south, but more likely set it further north, except for a few people in the northeast

who still like to fettle the tea,

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which is maybe what makes them seem quite so fond.

Grammatically, there are just we two, but most of England prefers us two, with pockets holding out for the two on us, the two of us, and thee and me. Why? Because that's the way we are, we am, we be, us be, we bin, or we am. Got that?

We can change our accents. but regional vocabulary is the slipping perfected that betrays us. Margaret Thatcher may speak Maylair, English now, but when she called the Labour Party frif she was letting the world know not only that the Opposition was frightened but that her tongue was

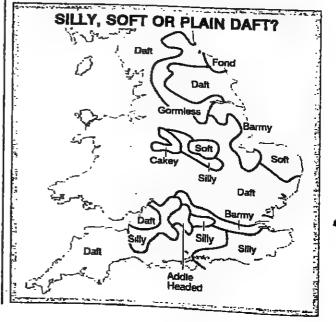
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this month by Oxford Univerfruit of nearly 50 search. The Sur-Dialects began in 1948. Profesand Dr Clive Upton, his co-author and colleague at Shef-field, attribute the rich variety

of dialects largely "to the simple fact that English has been spoken in the country for upwards of 1.500 years. Even in North America, where English has been in use for some 400 years, there has been insufficient time for fragmentation of the language to occur."

Women's names, for exampie. or words describing women, have often been applied to cats, especially she-cats, Tib", common in north Yorkshire, was frequently used in the 16th and 17th centuries to describe any working-class woman, from sweethearts to prostitutes. "Betty", for "female cat" lingers in East Anglia.

So if some stranger tells you that the ewe cat he bought off a didikoy last week is thirl and a goosegob just won't satisfy her, don't be frit. He's only saying that the female cat that a gypsy sold him is so hungry that it'll take more than a gooseberry to fill her up. The stranger's not cakey.
Just Cornish.





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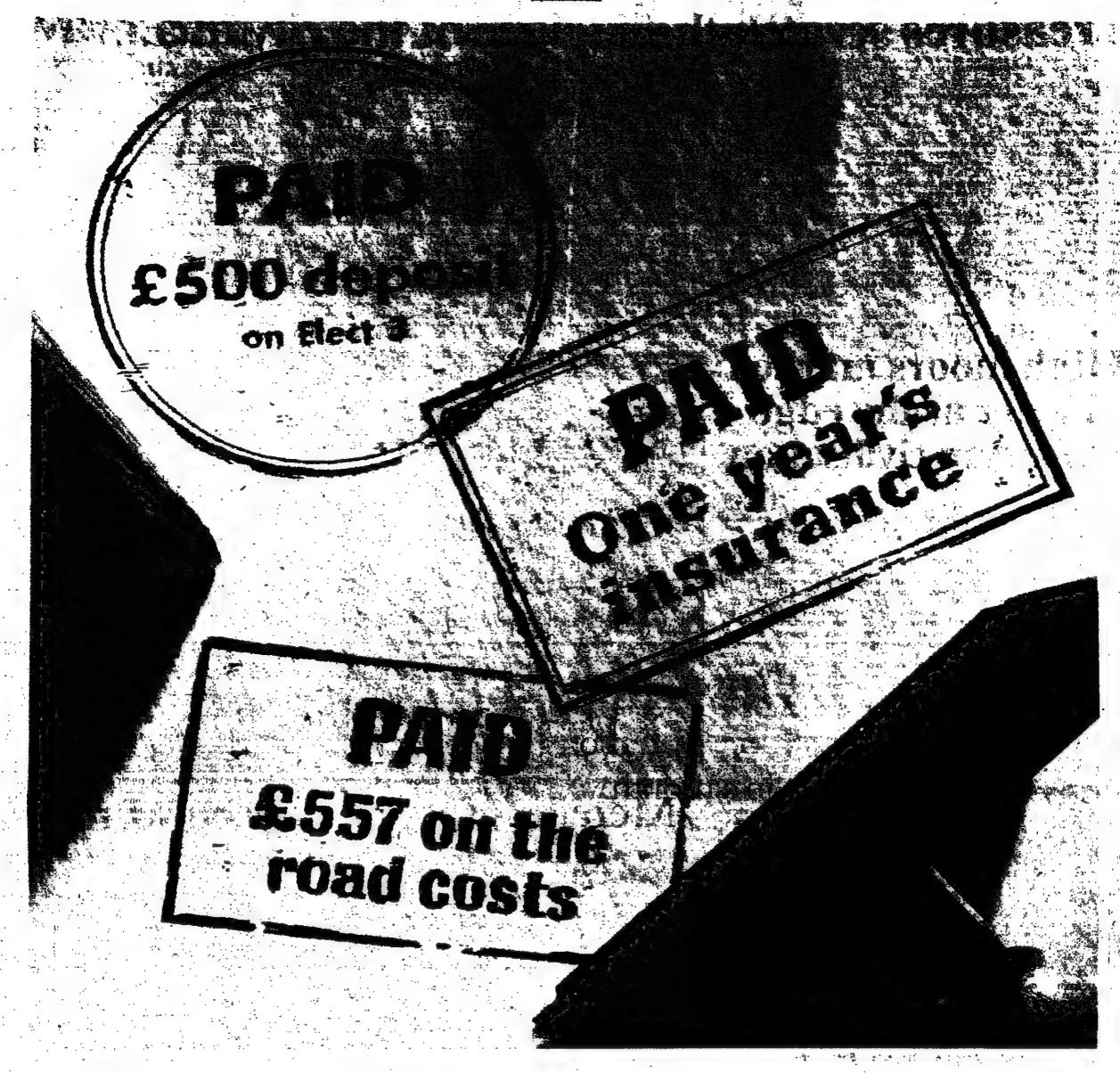
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90 per cent of ancient St Albans remains buried—'and that is probably where it will stay'

Treasures scratch the surface of the city in a grave

ON A bright summer's day when the grass is cropped close. Verulamium - "the city in a grave" - comes back to life in the clearly visible outlines of streets, shops, temples, basilica and forum. The archaeologists call the phenomenon "crop marking". So close is the Roman past to the 20thcentury surface that the shal-low roots show the skeleton of what lies beneath.

There are more tangible treasures: exquisite mosaics. evocatively battered stretches of city wall. Roman militaria. a marvellously preserved theatre, a hypocaust, pottery, jewellery, and more. There is no doubt that yesterday's Verulamium was every bit as prosperous as today's St

The Catuvellauni, who had

than willing to forget the shame of occupation and embrace the Roman invaders. warded by the Emperor Claudius. Verulamium was to become a municipium, a selfgoverning city whose people were citizens of Rome. However. in the eyes of the turbulent tribes to the east, the Catuvellauni were traitors, exempt from high taxation and general repression.

Boudicca's revolt in AD 60-61. 12 years after the city's foundations were laid, was to bring fire and the sword to the city. Many of the tradesmen and farmers who had thrown in their lot with Rome were to

Vivienne Holgate, keeper of archaeology at the magnificent Verulamium Museum in the precincts of the Roman

city, has more than a sneaking respect for the Queen of the Iceni. "It is quite clear she regarded the people who lived here as Quislings. The city was a soft target and she

Rome, however, was not to be easily mocked. The rebels were wiped out and Verulamium rose from the ashes to become more prosperous than

The remarkable mosaics. commissioned by the affluent

against the ravages of time. A lion stalks across one floor with a stag's head held between his jaws. On the sea-shell floor that enjoys pride of place in the museum, the shell floats above a horizon of gently rolling waves. Even the noisiest school party stands in mute admiration. A horned god glares baleful-

ly from another perfectly preserved mosaic. His domain was either the sea or the forest; scholars are not sure. Elsewhere in the gallery, large fragments of wall have been carefully pieced together to recreate room settings using original colour schemes.

The hypocaust, a short walk from the museum across the dry grass pattern of streets and buildings, reminds the visitor once again of Rome's efficiency and sophistication.



St Albans Cathedral seen through the Roman wall

Beneath another fine mosaic. this precursor to modern central heating can be seen in all

The Romans had no intention of enduring a climate they found unpleasantly cold in winter. The charcoal burning hypocaust gave all the com-

heated in the furnace circulated beneath the floor. The essential through-draught was provided by ventilation tiles set in the walls.

Neither were the Romans to be denied their traditional diversions. As a contemporary writer observed in AD 150:

depends on amusements as much as serious matters. The shows keep the population

Verulamium's theatre, large sections of which still stand, was used for bear-baiting and cock-fighting. Musical and dramatic perfomances were also mounted there. The acoustics provided by threequarter bowl seating are remarkable. The visitor, should he or she wish to declaim, can stand close to the stage area and still be heard clearly at the back of the open-air auditorium.

Close by were houses, shops and what may have been Roman Britain's first public lavatory. All were burnt to the ground during Boudica's sacking of the city. Sadly, much of the stone that made up the walls of Verulamium

century. Among the first to dismantle the forfifications were the builders of the cathedral, who were short of material.

From the London Gate in the wall, the visitor who looks down on the crop marks that delineate Verulamium can imagine the thriving city in its heyday. Although many priceless treasures have been recovered, so much still remains tantalisingly close below the

As an anonymous 17th-century poet wrote: "Here is corne where Troy once stood ...

Here's a Citie in a grave."

Mrs Holgate said: "Only 10
per cent of this site has been excavated, partly through lack of funds. It is all there, and that is probably where it will

High moors marked Exeter as the edge of Roman civilisation

By JOHN YOUNG

WHEN Vespasian's legion established a fortress on the banks of the River Exe in about AD 50, it marked the western limit of the Roman

The high moors to the west offered little incentive to fur-ther exploration and, although there are the remains of villages in the far southwest of Cornwall, these are thought to be Celtic in origin and settled briefly by seaborne merchants engaged in the important tin

Isca Dumnoniorum, with a 5,000-strong garrison, quickly developed as the administrative centre for the Dumnonii tribe of Devon, Cornwall and west Somerset, linked by the Fosse Way to lichester. Bath, Cirencester and eventually Lincoln. At the

end of the 2nd Century AD the earth ramparts were replaced by a massive stone wall, about three quarters of which survives, albeit in some cases incorporated into other

named, prospered throughout medieval times as an important port and centre of the cloth trade and was for a time the sixth largest city in England. However, in May 1942, it became the target for one of Hitler's notorious "Baedeker" raids, aimed at historic towns and cities in an attempt to undermine morale.

Almost 40 acres were destroyed or damaged beyond repair, and postwar rebuilding, though not quite as crass as in neighbouring Plymouth. has covered most of the city's heritage. The walls can, how-

local stoneware.

impressive Roman relics. One

ever, be seen from several vantage points, notably the gardens surrounding the re-mains of the Norman Rougemont Castle. By far the most notable recent discovery was the site of the great basilica and bath house in the Cathedral Close.

After excavation the ruins were covered, and controversy has raged over whether to erect a building to display them in situ. The city council favours the idea, but others say it would destroy the peace of the close. In the meantime, a model of the bath house and a selection of mosaics can be en in the city's Royal Albert Memorial Museum, as well as a collection of amphora, glassware and Samarian and

Some 50 miles to the east are the remains of the great Iron Age hilltop fortress, Maiden Castle, stormed by troops of the Second Augustan Legion in AD 43. Nearby the Romans founded the town of Durnovaria, now Dorchester, which became the administrative Dorchester can boast two

is the large grassland amphitheatre, known as Maumbury Rings, on the southwest corner of the town. The other is half a mile north, in Colliton Park. Nestling in a hollow below a complex of municipal buildings are the most extensive and best preserved remains of a Roman townhouse in Britain.



Myths abound about Boudicca, including that she rode in a gold charlot fitted with knives. In fact, she used a traditional wicker carriage

Merciless fury of a queen scorned

WITH her mass of red hair and her battle-cry of "take no prisoners". Boudicca struck fear into the hearts of her hated Roman foes. During the sacking first of Colchester. then of London and St Al-bans, the Queen of the Iceni put thousands of terrified citizens to the sword.

Her orders that the dead bodies of London townswom-

enthusiastically carried out by Iceni warriors. While her tactics were brutal. Boudicca's cause for rebellion against the invaders was a noble one. She was in her 30s when her husband Prasutagus died in AD 60, leaving his two young daughters and the Emperor Nero as joint heirs.

A party of Roman officials was duly sent to the royal palace to carry out an inventory. In an act of gross political folly, the officials decided to humillate Bou-dicca, who had resisted their meddling in her kingdom. She was stripped and flogged like a common criminal while her daughters were gangraped. The outrage became the spark for a mass revolt, with the Trinovantes of Essex joining the fight.

Boudicca and her armies

swept all before her, coming close to ending the Roman domination of Britain just 17 years after their invasion. Tacitus records the assault on the citizens of London: "All those left behind were butchered; the British took no prisoners, nor did they consider the money they could get for selling slaves: it was the gibbet, fire and the cross."

After the destruction of Colchester and London. Boudicea's forces swarmed up Watling Street to St Albans, one of the earliest and most prosperous Roman already committed, the bloodlust of the Britons was still not sated. Indeed, they reserved a particular hatred for the Catuvellauni of Verulamium. Layers of charcoal, clay and ash mark the destruction of

Her ill-disciplined army of about 100,000 was finally defeated somewhere in the Midlands by a smaller num-ber of well-trained Roman troops under Suetonius Paullinus, the Governor, In a rousing speech before the battle, Boudicca told her warriors that she came before them not as a Queen of royal blood but as an ordinary woman who had been flogged. "This is my resolve as a woman - follow me or submit to the Roman yoke," she said.

the town.

Theories abound about Boudicca's end, the most popular being that she committed suicide in AD 61 by drinking poison after the battle. Even her name has been the subject of confusion. The name Boudica comes from the Celtic word bouda, meaning victory. Various references have been found to Celtic women called Boudiga, or Victoria in modern translation. The first error was made by Tacitus, who called her Boudicca with a double "c". Then a monk in the Middle Ages, transcribing a manuscript, got it wrong again and she became Boadi

spelling is the most widely used today.

Her burial place is unknown, but the popular belief that she lies below the plat-form of a mainline railway station is almost certainly untrue. Sadly, another myth is shattered by historians. Rather than cutting through her enemies in a chariot of burnished gold, the Queen of the iceni got about in a

ket on wheels. Cassis Dio's account of the origins of the revolt gives an insight into how the Romans

regarded Boudicca: "The per-son who was chiefly instru-mental in rousing the natives and persuading them to fight the Romans .. was Boudicca, a British woman of the royal family and possessed of greater intelligence than often be-longs to women."

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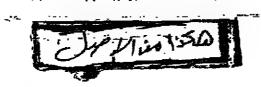
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Optimistic Israel offers peace deal to Syrians

US acts as broker with Damascus

By Ross Dunn in jerusalem and Our Foreign Staff

BINYAMIN NETANYAHU. the Israeli Prime Minister. disclosed yesterday that his Government had submitted a secret peace proposal to Syria via the United States and was hopeful of a positive reply.

The proposal was submitted on Friday, one day before Jordan's King Husain held a reconciliation meeting with President al-Assad in Damascus. Before the meeting of the two Arab leaders. King Husain held secret talks in London just over a week ago to discuss a strategy for reaching a comprehensive Middle East peace settlement.

The Israeli proposal appeared to have prompted intensive diplomatic activity, Yesterday Elias Hrawi, the Lebanese President, arrived in Damascus for surprise talks with Mr Assad to discuss relations with Israel,

Speaking in Amman vesterday during his first official trip to Jordan. Mr Netanyahu said the King had told him his meeting in Syria had provided

hope for the Middle East peace process. At a joint news conference with the King, Mr Netanyahu said: "What I learnt was that there was a clear expression of a desire to resume the quest for peace in Damascus, and that

encouraging.
It is something that we will readily take up. We are prepared to engage in peace negotiations with Syria on all outstanding matters ... our purpose is to achieve a formal peace with Syria."

Nr Netanyahu also defended his policy of wanting to make peace with Lebanon before Syria, which would include a negotiated Israeli troop withdrawal from south Lebanon in return for peace along the border,

We have no territorial claims on Lebanon whatsoever, all we seek to achieve on the Lebanon border [with Israel| is tranquility and sec-urity," he said. "And if this is agreed on by others, it can be a very good starting point to



Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, reviews a Beduin guard of honour in Amman vesterday

build trust and confidence with Syria to help negoti-

Israel's peace talks with Syria and Lebenon, which began in 1991, have been stalled for some time over the fate of the strategic Golan Heights, captured by Israel

during the 1967 war, and the future of south Lebanon which has been under Israeli occupa-

Relations between Syria and Israel were further complicated by the election of Mr Netanyahu, who has declared publicly that he would never

give up the Golan and is opposed to swapping land in return for peace.

Syria, the main foreign power broker in Lebanon, where it has stationed more than 30,000 troops, and Lebanon are demanding that Israel withdraw from the Golan and

south Lebanon before they will agree to sign peace

Before his meeting with King Husain there were some strong emotional moments for leaders. Mr Netanyahu laid a wreath at the graves of the

King's grandfather, Abdullah, and father, Talal. King Abdul-lah, who favoured peace with. 1951 as he entered Jerusalem's Al Aqsa mosque. King Husain, then 15 years old, was standing next to him. Follow-

ing these ceremonies. Mr Netanyahu and the King also discussed bolstering the economic links between the two The King told Mr Netan-yahu that Jordanians needed to see a greater economic

dividend from the peace treaty Jordan signed with Israel in 1994. The King raised the issues of trade, investment and water. In particular, Jordan de-

manded that Israel allow greater export quotas, especially of cement, into Palestinian territories. On the question of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Mr Netanyahu had some good news for the Palestinians.

The Israeli leader said he and Yitzhak Mordechi, the Defence Minister, had decided to ease closure of these areas, enabling another 5,000 Palestinian workers to travel to jobs inside Israel.

"We don't apply closure in principle . . . it is a measure of security that fluctuates accordIsrael had already begun gas-ing the closure on the terrato-ries imposed after a wave of suicide bombings in February and March, which left more than 50 people dead.

Mr Netanyahu also said that Israel could begin talks with the Palestinians in a few weeks on a promised troop withdrawal from the West Bank town of Hebron.

Yesterday Yassir Arafat, the President of the Palesunian Authority, revealed that he had written to Mr Netanyahu to complain that the Israeli ". Government's decision to renew settlement building in occupied Arab land violated

the peace process.

I have sent him
[Netanyahu] a letter and made this letter available to alf our friends, including the sponsors of the peace process, America and Russia," Mr Arafat said, "What happened" is a violation of what had been." agreed upon. It was agreed to freeze the expansion of settlements and not to bring about any demographic or topographic changes during the interim period."

Two Israeli soldiers were wounded in a Hezbollah mortar attack in south Lebanon yesterday. They suffered mi-nor wounds and were airlifted to Israel for treatment.

Police outwitted by Indonesia's opposition leader

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN JAKARTA

SEVEN shirt-sleeved lawyers emerged beaming from police headquarters in Jakarta yesterday after successfully challenging a summons for Indonesia's pro-democracy leader to submit berself for

They did so by raising a series of legal flaws in the document, calculated to irritate the military-backed Goverronent, which is unsure how to handle such deliberate lowkev defiance.

Megawati Sukarnoputri was to have appeared at 10 am. An hour and ten minutes later her lawyers arrived and explained why she would not attend. The police admita number of technical deficiencies and said they would issue another in the coming days. If it is in order, Miss Megawati

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plans to comply.

The twist in the cat-andmouse game between an allpowerful Government and opposition is another small triumph for Miss Megawati, whose father, Sukarno, was the country's founding President. What remains to be seen is whether she will be charged with a criminal offence relat-



Megawati: urban poor

ing to riots by her supporters on June 27, which caused millions of pounds-worth of damage in central Jakarta.

She has touched a nerve of public opinion, at least among the urban poor who are the bedrock of her support. Government figures published yesterday showed that only 60,000 out of 170,000 university graduates find work each year and most of the rest remain unemployed indefi-"Unemployment nitely. among ciever people is dan-gerous," Abdul Latief, the

Minister of Manpower, said.

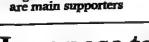
Jakarta looks like many

South-East Asian "tiger" citwealth. Beyond the capital and other big Indonesian cities, however, 30 million people in a country of 191 million live in "absolute poverty" by World Bank definitions. In 20 years, gross domestic product has risen 900 percentage points and the World Bank has lifted its income status

from low to "lower-middle".

But this has eluded the huge

urban underclass. More than 48 per cent of people in Jakarta have no access to drinkable water or primary health services, yet there is a continuing flood of people to the capital and other cities. Within seven vears more than half the population will be urban, furer straining overstretched infrastructure and threatening greater popular unrest. Miss Megawati draws increasing support from middle classes frustrated by highlevel corruption and resentment at vast wealth accumulated by President Suharto's family and friends. But without army support there is almost no prospect of a popular opposition movement taking hold in Indonesia.



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Japanese take a break from the work ethic

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

IN HOT and sultry cities across Japan, workers are being coaxed by the Government to leave their desks and work benches and enjoy a proper summer holiday.

Labour Ministry posters in railway stations and company canteens exhort employees to Take the Dive — relax properly. Have a complete week off and feel refreshed." In government-sponsored lectures, workers are taught how

to relax for a week. Japan is renowned for its work ethic, but the summer campaign is part of a government drive to bring overall working hours closer to the US and British average. Japa-nese work 200 more hours a

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tween work and leisure helps to increase employees' On average, workers here only take about 60 per cent of their annual paid holiday entitlement, fearful of putting an extra burden on colleagues and damaging promotion

year. Many business leaders

support the campaign

because a better balance be-

prospects.

Managers at Mitsubishi Oil, discovering that most staff took only half their 20-day annual vacation, decided to impose fines for each day they failed to take off. The idea was so successful that employees took almost all their holiday due.

Mitsubishi Chemical cancelled all company meetings and conferences scheduled for the first half of this month. "If there are no meetings to attend, people won't feel they're missing anything," a

spokesman explained. "I take three days off in summer and I wouldn't know what to do with myself if I had longer," Hajime Ishii, a garage mechanic, said. "To take longer would inconvenience everyone else in the garage."

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Jet bomb

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FROM QUENTIN LETTS

BOMB may have been

hidden in an organ transplant

cool box which was loaded on

TWA Flight 800 shortly before

take-off, it was suggested yes-

A Styrofoam box containing

human corneas was meant to

have been taken aboard the

jumbo jet moments before the

doors were closed at John F.

Kennedy airport in New York.

A newspaper vesterday report-

ed that a crash investigator it

did not name feared that the

real box was switched for a

similar one containing a

The corneas were intended

for a hospital in Paris and Flight 800 was designated as a

transplant-carrying flight,

which normally ensures that

planes are given special con-

sideration by air traffic control

and airports to make the

transportation of human or-

Transplant boxes are nor-

mally placed in cockpits, to

safeguard them and to ensure that they can be taken off the

plane as quickly as possible on landing. The TWA jet appears

to have crashed after some-

thing ripped off the front of the

plane while it was still

climbing.

"If we find there is Styro-

foam all over the cockpit we

will have to go back and take a very close look to see if there

was a switch of the box's

contents," a crash investigator

told the New York Post. It was

not known if the box was properly searched, the news-paper said. With human or-

gans, security guards may

through without opening it.

and security consultants yes-

terday asked questions about

at American airports.

the level of scrutiny of baggage ()

Forensic scientists yesterday

set to work untangling the

wreckage of the cockpit which

was brought to the surface of

Moriches Bay after being lo-

cated by a remote-controlled

search vehicle at the weekend.

Robert Francis, vice-chairman of the US National Transport

gans as swift as possible.

Dole pledges huge tax cuts in attempt to gain on Clinton FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON THE MAIN

ROB DOLE called for one of history's largest tax cuts yesterday in a breathtaking attempt to galvanise his faltering presidential camp-

Mr Dole, who spent much of his 27-year Senate career championing deficit reduction, proposed a package of cuts worth \$548 billion (£353 billion) over six years as the long-awaited centrepiece of his White House bid. This would include a 15 per cent across-the-board reduction in personal income taxes benefiting an estimated 90 million

Mr Dole, who trails President Clinton by about 20 points, clearly hopes the tax cut promise will work the same political magic for him as it did for his Republican predecessors Ronald Reagan and George Bush in the 1980s. and he certainly managed to draw a dramatic distinction between himself and Mr Clinton for the first time in this

Donald Rumsfield, one of his top campaign advisers, called the announcement "the beginning of the campaign for 1996", and predicted: "You're going to see the polls close dramatically." On Saturday Mr Dole reveals his running mate. Next week he will be formally nominated at the Republican convention in San

Steve Forbes, who lost to Mr Dole in the Republican presidential primaries but is now acting as one of his advisers, said: "This will be the equivalent of Moscow in 1941 — the first major check of the German army. It doesn't mean Dole is going to win the campaign. But it is the first time Clinton ceded major

However, the White House mounted a swift and savage counter-offensive, calling Mr Dole's tax-cutting package the "absolutely irresponsible" ploy of a desperate politician, and ridiculing his claims that **PROPOSALS**

☐ Personal income tax rates will be lowered by 15 per cent in three steps starting in 1997, providing tax relief across the board.

☐ Maximum capital gains taxes on individuals will be lowered to 14 per cent from 28 per cent to stimulate saving and investment. ☐n \$500 credit for every child 18 years of age and younger will be provided to low- and middle-income

families. ☐ An expansion of Individual Retirement Accounts. Tax-free incentives for job training and investing in

education ☐ Repeal of President Clinton's 1993 tax hike on Social Security benefits.

he could simultaneously balance the federal budget.

Mr Clinton insisted the tax cuts would "balloon the deficit, raise interest rates and weaken the economy", and vowed to fight any attempt to repeat the mistakes of the taxslashing 1980s when the national debt quadrupled to \$4,000 billion.

White House aides gleefully produced numerous examples of Mr Dole mocking the supply-side economists of the Reagan era who argued that tax cuts produced enough economic growth to offset lost revenues. Mr Dole deserved "the gold medal for the flipflop," said Leon Panetta, Mr Clinton's chief of staff.

The President is vulnerable on the tax issue, having abandoned his election promise of middle-class tax cuts in favour of deficit reduction, but polls suggest most voters are content with his economic stewardship and it is far from certain they will embrace Mr Dole's more daring package.

Americans are far more suspicious of politicians' promises than they were in Mr Reagan's day, especially

on his solemn "no new taxes" vow. They are also far more worried by the corrosive economic effects of a national debt that now \$5,000 billion.

A recent Wall Street Journal poll showed that 70 per cent would regard a 15 per cent income tax cut as a campaign gimmick, not a serious policy proposal, and yesterday's New York Times — anticipating Mr Dole's announcement called it "fiscally reckless".

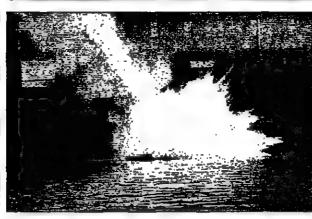
Mr Dole, speaking in Chicago, portrayed his tax cut package as part of a comprehensive plan to replace the "anaemic" expansion of recent years with much more robust economic growth that would raise living standards for all

The 15 per cent income tax reductions, reducing the top and bottom rates to 33.7 and 12.8 per cent respectively, would be phased in over three years from 1997 and cost \$406 billion. Mr Dole also promised a \$500-per-child tax credit for families, a halving of the capital gains tax rate, tax breaks for education and training, a simpler tax code and a less intrusive Internal Mr Dole insisted he could

achieve all this without further cuts in government health care, social security and defence programmes, and still meet the Republicans' goal of a balanced budget by 2002. He said the economic growth resulting from the cuts would generate an estimated \$146 billion in new revenues, and the Republican Congress has already identified \$122 billion in spending cuts. But the Dole campaign offered only sketchy details of how the remaining \$290 billion in required savings could be found.

Mr Dole put his package together with the help of John Taylor, a Stanford University economist, and Gary Taylor, a Nobel laureate. Laura Tyson, Mr Clinton's chief economic adviser, called the plan "incredible, simply incredible. It will simply blow a huge hole in the deficit".





Stunt pilot dies after wing disintegrates

Clarence "Clancy" Speal, a stunt pilot, plummets towards the Ohio river on Sunday evening, above, after the port double wing sheared away from his biplane during an aeronauties display in Pittsburgh. The police failed to recover his body at the crash site, left (Ouentin Letts writes). Mr Speal, whose family

the Three Rivers Regatta, was presumed dead. The crash was filmed by an amateur cameraman and the biplane's descent was broadcast on American television. Mr Speal was described as an experienced pilot and no reason was given for the disinte-gration of the wing.

Safety Board, described the latest, important piece of wreckage as "a mass of spa-ghetti-like wires" and predict-ed that it would take some time to untangle. He urged people to be patient and understand the difficulties of the investigation.

James Kallstrom, assistant director of the FBI, said: "To see that massive jumble of wires certainly brought home to me how difficult it is going to be if the rest of the front of

the plane looks like that' found 194 bodies of the 230 people who died in the crash.



D'Amato: sponsor of US legislation to punish investment in Iran and Libva

US sanctions against Iran and Libya anger allies

legislation sponsored by Alfonse

D'Amato, the leading Republican

By TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON AND MICHAEL BINYON

UNDER pressure from Republicans to take military action against Tehran. President Clinton yesterday announced sanctions designed to punish foreign investment in Iran and Libya, trigger-ing another row with Britsin and other American allies in Europe. The President urged the allies

to unite behind a common resolu-

tion to punish countries that export terror. "The United States has to act. I hope that some day soon people will realise that you cannot do business by day with countries who are killing your people by night," he said.

In a speech later he added: Stopping the threat of terrorism requires a common resolution. Where we do not agree, the US cannot and will not refuse to do what we think is right." Mr Clinton, in signing the

senator, described fran and Libya as "two of the most dangerous supporters of terrorism in the world". The embargo, requiring the President to impose sanctions on foreign companies that invest \$40 million (£25 million) or more annually in the energy sectors of Iran and Libya, comes a month after the US provoked a diplomatic row with its allies over the Helms-Burton Bill, which punishes foreign investment in Cuba. European states voiced strong opposition to the latest sanctions. and gave a warning of retaliation.

At the same time officials in Britain said that any talk of airstrikes against Iranian targets in response to the destruction of the TWA plane and the bombing of an American base in Saudi Arabia was premature. They said there was still no conclusive proof linking Iran with the atrocities. France said that it would vigorously defend its national interests. A Foreign Ministry spokesman promised retaliation for any damage to French trade, and said Washington had not given its allies any evidence that Iran was involved in the attacks.

A Foreign Office spokesman said: "We agree that there should be a common Western policy on Iran and Libya. But we cannot accept US pressure to impose sanctions under the threat of mandatory penalties."

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EU battles to salvage Mostar deal

BY MICHAEL BINYON AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

EUROPEAN Union negotiators were yesterday frantically trying to prevent the breakdown of attempts to broker a Croat-Muslim compromise in the divided city of Mostar. They fear that if the EU is forced to withdraw only six weeks before scheduled general elections in Bosnia, the entire Dayton peace process

will be thrown in jeopardy.

The refusal of Croats in Mostar to accept the results of elections to the city council is seen as setting an ominous example to any other group in Bosnia which does not like the outcome of the poll on September 14. Croat intransigence in Mostar has left EU and American negotiators frustrated President Tudjman of Croatia was summoned to Washington last week to explain the

impasse to President Clinton.
"What point is there holding elections in September if one side knows that if they are disappointed with the results, they can ignore the fact that the voting ever took place? one American official said at

the weckend. The Mostar Croats complained that there were irregularities in the voting by Bosnian refugees allowed to cast ballots in Bonn. Their complaints were investigated and rejected by the EU ombudsman, who said they were too trivial to bother about.

The Croat HDZ party and the Muslim-led SDA party each won 16 seats, but the balance of power still went to the SDA when five independents aligned with the

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Bomb suspect threatens to sue FBI

RICHARD JEWELL, the security guard suspected by the FBI of planting the bomb at the Atlanta Olympics, took legal action yesterday in an attempt to force investigators to say what evidence, if any,

they have against him. An increasingly angry Mr Jewell hired a second and more prominent lawyer, Jack Martin. His first lawyer, Watson Bryant, continued to make the rounds of television and radio stations, claiming that his client was "being hung out to dry" by the FBI. Mr Jewell was "mad as hell" with

investigators. Mr Martin, a former chairman of the Georgia Associ-ation of Defence Lawyers. suddenly made it a fairer match between the 500 government investigators - who have been trying to "psych out" their prey - and the suspect with his lone legal



provincial attorney, has made FBI search warrant affidavit which explains why law enfair job of defending Mr Jewell, but admitted that he forcers have taken such a needed a senior lawyer to help strong, almost bullying line against a man who was initial-

ly hailed as a hero for finding the bomb in Atlanta's Centen-Mr Martin yesterday asked

nial Park shortly before it exploded. Two people died in the incident, and more than 100 were injured. On the advice of his law-

yers. Mr Jewell is still refusing to give the FBI an official sample of his voice.

They want him to sit in front of a microphone and repeat. several times, the words of the mystery telephone caller who rang police 18 minutes before the bomb exploded to say: There is a bomb in Centennial Park. You have 30 minutes." Voice-print machines, which examine timbre and cadence. may be able to deduce if Mr lewell was the caller.

Mr Bryant did not rule out a lawsuit against the FBI by Mr Jewell and his mother if no strong evidence against him is

He said that Mr Jewell's employment prospects as a security guard were now bleak. The elderly Mrs Jewell, meanwhile, felt that her reput-

Scorned Atlanta brought down to earth

ATLANTA emptied yesterday, as if the plug had been pulled from a vast bath (Quentin Letts writes). About 250,000 people flew out of its airport and countless others left by car and bus after

the Centennial Olympics concluded with a colourful, three-hour closing ceremony. The city came down with a bump after a fortnight of festivities, irritations and some sadness. There was anger that Juan Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), did not deliver his traditional compliment to the host city and describe the Games as "the

greatest ever". Instead, he announced at the closing ceremony that they had been "most exceptional" - which Atlantans took as a terrible snub. Señor Samaranch, along with many other international visitors, is said to feel that the Games were over-commercialised by Atlanta. As if in response, the

Atlanta-based CNN television broadcast

repeated tributes to the city on its 24-hour news service.

Hotel receptionists struggled yesterday morning as guests left. Computer printer ribbons at the Marriot Marquis turned hot as they detailed the bills rung up by IOC members over the past fortnight. For many hotel, restaurant and shop employ-ees, the end of the Games meant an end of work. Hundreds of buses which were lent to Atlanta by other US cities were

fuelled and started the long trip home. The security measures which were in place for the Games appeared to vanish the moment the Olympic flame was extinguished. IOC representatives returning to the city centre after the closing ceremony were surprised to find that the security checkpoints had been deserted. "Let us hope potential terrorists are as prompt in leaving town," said one Olympic delegate. Atlanta is now likely to go through a period of anti-climax —

"post-Olympic syndrome" as it is being called. Local people who pumped themselves up with Games excitement yesterday felt a sympathy for the giant inflatable beer-can advertisement which hovered over Atlanta and was yesterday

pulled down to the ground and deflated. President Clinton detected Atlanta's hurt at Senor Samaranch's remarks and praised the city's "great effort". But the President, perhaps referring to the raw nationalism which characterised American television coverage of the Games, and the sometimes unattractive baying of "USA! USA!" by the crowds whenever a foreigner looked like doing well, also emphasised that it was important to praise all 197 countries that took part in the Olympics. "They all did their best." said Mr Clinton.

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Sacked bribe shock

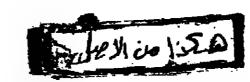
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Sacked minister's bribe allegations shock South Africa

SOUTH AFRICA has been shocked by corruption allega-tions made by Bantu Holomisa, the recently dismissed deputy minister. His allegations implicate not only Steve Tshwete, a Cabinet minister, but also Thabo Mbeki, the Deputy President, and even President Mandela himself.

The African National Congress has been thrown into confusion by the affair, not only because Mr Holomisa is one of the party's most popu-lar figures — topping the poll at the last party congress but also because the affair could tarnish the President's image and perhaps even destroy Mr Mbeki's hopes of succeeding Mr Mandela.

The affair began with Mr Holomisa's allegation before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that Stella Sicgau, one of his Cabinet colleagues, had received 50,000 rands (£7,250) as part of a 2 million rands bribe paid to the former Transkei Government. in which she served, by Sol Kerzner, the hotel magnate, in return for government favours towards his casino interests there. Although Mrs Siegau has not denied receiving the payment, the ANC was emharrassed by the allegation and Mr Holomisa was not only threatened with disciplinary proceedings (thus bringing a furious response from the truth commission, whose entire purpose stands to be undermined by the affair), but was then also dismissed.

The commission says that nobody can be expected to come forward to give it evidence if Mr Holomisa is so evidently punished for speaking out. Mr Holomisa's dismissal apparently happened at Mr Mbeki's order, because Mr Holomisa's suggestion that Mr Mbeki needed "to put his own house in order" had greatly offended Mr Man-dela's heir-apparent.

Mr Holomisa, who as the military President of the Transkei was famous for the cool way in which he answered back to former President P.W. Botha and F.W. de Klerk, has caused equal consternation by his similar outspokenness about his party's elite, alleging that Mr Kerzner also contributed 2 million rands towards the ANC's election fund in 1994 in return for a promise not to proceed with pending court action against him; that he had been told that in a conversation with President Mandela; that Mr Tshwete had benefited from other Kerzner favours: and that Mr Kerzner, who owns the Sun City and Lost City resorts as well as extensive

ANC rejects call for records audit

casino interests in the United

States and around the Carib-

bean, had also paid for Mr

Johannesburg: The ruling African National Congress has rejected a call from Bantu Holomisa, the dismissed Deputy Tourism and Envi-ronment Minister, for an independent audit of the party's financial records after President Mandela was allegedly involved in a corruption scandal (Inigo Gilmore writes).

Mr Holomisa has called for an audit to determine how much money had been donated to the party by Sol Kerzner. the gambling and casino

magnate.
Mr Holomisa said that Winnie Mandela, a close political ally, was one of several ANC leaders who had pledged their support for him.

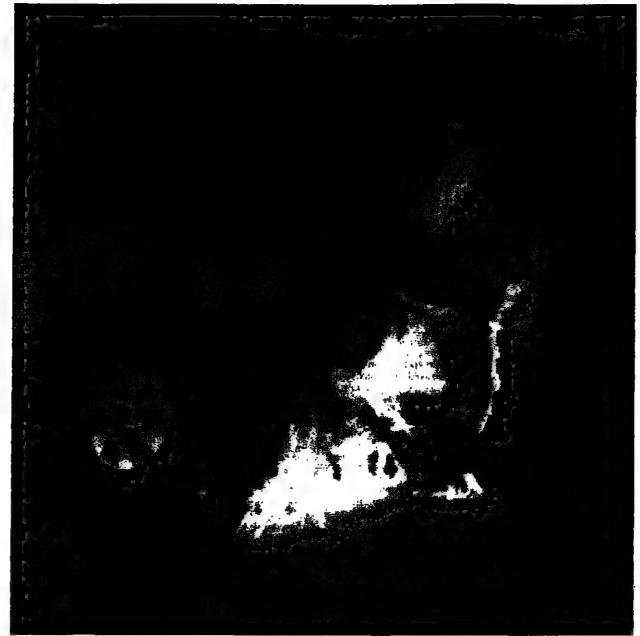
party. Initially, the ANC denied all the allegations as malicious lies, but with Mr Holomisa standing his ground and threatening further disclosures, the response quickly became more muffled, President Mandela's office now will only say that it is "immaterial" whether the conversation with Mr Mandela that Mr Holomisa refers to ever took place; that the question of who paid for Mr Mbeki's birthday party was a private matter; and that Mr Mbeki is entitled to his privacy. Mr Kerzner has said that it was his business whether he contributed to a political party's funds and that there was nothing illegal in

Mr Mbeki and Mr Tshwete have obtained a court order ordering Mr Holomisa not to repeat his allegations, Mr Holomisa has replied that he will happily see the two men in

It is certain that Mr Holomisa will be expelled both from parliament and the ANC, but there are grave misgivings about the affair within the ANC. Nobody has forgotten the press photographs of Mr Kerzner and Mr Mbeki celebrating together at Mr Mbeki's birthday party, and the press reported at the time that Mr Kerzner had paid both for this celebration and later for the glamorous wedding of President Mandela's daughter.

One ANC branch criticised Mr Mbeki publicly for his 'perceived over-closeness" to Mr Kerzner, and there is no truly satisfactory answer on offer as to why the Government has never continued with the legal, proceedings initiated many years ago against Mr Kerzner for al-

leged bribery.
South Africa now awaits



A blazing Rashaad Staggie, who had already been shot once, tries to flee vigilantes. Minutes later he was dead

Vigilantes kill gang boss in Cape 'jihad'

IN JOHANNESBURG AND

MASKED Muslim vigilantes shot dead a notorious gang boss in Cape Town and set him alight as part of what community leaders described as a "jihad" against

Several hundred members of the Muslim vigilante group People Against Gang-sterism and Drugs travelled in a convoy from their mosque on Sunday to the home of Rashid Staggie, a leader of the Hard Livings, a notorious Coloured gang. When the vigilantes came under fire from the house, in the central Cape Town suburb of Salt River, they produced firearms and in the ensuing gun battle at

least ten people were wounded.

During the shooting Mr Staggie's twin brother, Rashaad, arrived and was recognised as leader of the gang suspected of selling drugs to children. Vigilantes

surrounded his vehicle, pulled him out and shot him. Police stood by as he was set ablaze with a crude petrol bomb.

Staggie got up and, covered in flames, ran about 30 yards while the crowd shouted "Allahu Akbar" (God is greater). He fell to the ground again and as he lay writhing, a policeman doused the flames. Police pushed the mob back but despite appeals to stop, masked men took it in turns to pump bullets into Staggie until he was dead. No arrests were made.

Germans seeking * second SS man

Rome: German judicial authorities confirmed yesterday that they are seeking the extradition of Karl Hass, a former SS Major, as well as that of former SS Captain Erich Priebke, for their part in the 1944 A priesting Captains

the 1944 Andeatine Caves massacre (Philip Willan writes).
Hass, 84, admitted to taking part in the massacre when he gave evidence for the prosecution at Priebke's trial. He is under guard in a hospital after breaking his hip while trying to climb out of a hotel bedroom on the night before he was due to testify. His extradition is complicated by the fact that he was granted immunity, if he agreed to testify.

Sri Lanka death toll disputed

Colombo: Sri Lankan troops killed at least 203 Tamil Tiger guerrillas as they advanced on the northern rebel-held town of Kilinochchi over the weekend, the Defence Ministry said. The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, however, said its forces had killed at least 100, troops and destroyed five, army tanks in the battle for the stronghold. (Reuter)

Court tries to wreck marriage

Cairo: An Egyptian court upheld a ruling that Nasr Abu Zeid, a happily-married univ-ersity professor, must divorce his wife because he was found to have renounced Islam. The Egyptian Organisation for Human Rights said it feared for his life and urged President Mubarak to intervene. The couple have moved to The Netherlands. (Reuter)

Burundi boycott

Bujumbura: Tanzania, in a bid to overthrow Burundi's military Government, has prevented oil tankers from crossing into the country. Kenya has suspended rail, air and road links. (Reuter)

Death demand



manded that Chun Doo Hwan, above, the former South Korean military leader. should be sentenced to death for seizing power in a coup 17 years ago. (AP)

Fatal delay Camberra: Max Bell, who had cancer and wanted to use a new euthanasia law, has died in New South Wales because he was unable to obtain the signatures necessary under the legislation. (Reuter)

Child star quits

New York: Macaulay Culkin. the child star of Home Alone, has given up acting until his estranged parents resolve their custody battle over him and five of his siblings, the Daily News reported. (Reuter).

Horse cull halted by protests

IN WELLINGTON

NEW Zealand's Prime Minister has bowed to public protests and the prospect of an October general election and dropped plans to shoot a thousand wild horses.

The cull was expected to begin this week. But now the horses will be rounded up and auctioned next year, after the

The Prime Minister, James Bolger, said yesterday: "Given that widespread public concern has arisen, we agreed that we should try to reduce numbers by a muster."

Mr Bolger and his Government had been under intense pressure. Death threats had been issued against staff due to be involved in the kill. A round-the-clock vigil for the horses was being held, and ministers are said to have received more letters of protest on the issue than any other in the country's history.

A TV advertisement had urged people not to vote for the Government. Yesterday Simon Upton, the Minister for Conservation who ordered the cull, offered his resignation. which was refused. Conservationists had argued that the horses were destroying rare native grasses and plants.

Aidid son ready to unleash teenage | Rediscovered film warriors in battle for Somalia shows horror of

AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

HUSSEIN AIDID, the former US Marine who took on his dead father's mantle as Somalia's dominant warlord at the weekend, looked ready yesterday to splinter his alliance by unleashing the country's hotheaded youth. General Mohamed Farrah

Aidid's son, who spent 16 years from the age of 14 in Los Angeles, was accused yesterday by senior members of the Somali National Alliance of having staged a "coup" against older members of his clan and their allies.

Mohamed Kanyare Afrah. the "interior minister" in General Aidid's Government, contacted diplomats in Nairobi yesterday to say that Hussein Aidid's election was a "scam" and would be opposed by other members of the alliance. His opponents put their

forces on alert. In north Mogadishu, Ali Mahdi Mohamed, who is leader of a clan militia alliance, said: "Hussein will bear the consequences of his actions.

infighting has been based on

hattles between clans and sub-

The threat introduces a new element into the already confused and violent relations between Somalis. Most of the



A demonstrator rips an American flag apart with his teeth during the failed US intervention in Somalia

clans. But the younger Aidid's "appointment" as "Interim President" of Somalia signals the overturn of traditional leadership by clan elders and the ascent to power of Somalia's lost generation of teenage warriors. At 31, the new warlord is far too young to be considered a leader by older Somalis. But the warlords' militias are made up of wild bush fighters known as moreyhan ("bandits"), recruited in their teens, who are largely a law unto themselves. They back the younger leader.

General Aidid forced American and United Nations troops into a humiliating withdrawal from Somalia in 1993 after a battle with US commandos left 300 Somalis and

18 Americans dead. Hussein Aidid took part, as an artillery corporal in the Marine reserve, in the international intervention force that landed on Mogadishu's beaches in 1992. He was sent back to Los Angeles when America issued a warrant for his father's arrest. He returned home last year to get married. He is over 6ft tall and looks like an American sprint champion. Shunning the traditional garb of skirts and

he swiftly won the respect of young militia fighters for his

a pistof at his side.

in American combat gear with

Appointed head of security

in the inland town of Baidoa,

bravery in battle and his belligerence towards other clans. Having secured Baidoa for his father, despite the opposition of the Rahanwein clan, he was anxious to push on to try to take the southern port city of Kismayu. Wiser counsels prevailed. But with the support of Soma-

lia's young hotheads, hopes of peace in the wake of his father's death evaporated. The moreyhan, swept into General Aidid's army as he

recruited bush fighters while he was driving Siad Barre from Mogadishu in 1991, have been the main cause of chaos in Somalia ever since. Like child soldiers throughout Africa, they entered combat before becoming "ethical beings". Now beyond traditional control, they fight for loot and the sheer fun of battle. On Sunday, Hussein Aidid

told his supporters that he would eliminate his enemies at home and abroad. Rejecting the offer of a ceasefire and negotiations from clan rivals, he opted to continue with the "pacification" of Somalia.

Hiroshima bomb.

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

AS HIROSHIMA marks the fifty-first anniversary of the first atomic bomb attack, visitors to the city's Peace Museum can gain a horrific sense of what happened from a film available for the first time.

The long-lost film footage is filled with grim scenes — a baby, its body a mass of burns, writhes in agony, a man with melted ears stands in stunned shock, and there are powerful images of the damage at different distances from the epicentre.

. The two-hour black and white film was shot by an Education Ministry team in September and October 1945 to record the suffering and destruction caused by bomb released by the US bomber Enola Gay on August 6 that year.

According to the city gov-ernment, the bomb killed about 140,000 people by the end of 1945. The blast killed 10,000 people instantly. A second bomb, dropped three days later on Nagasaki, killed about 70,000.

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secretly copied part of the footage before turning it over. It lay forgotten in a film archive until it was discovered three years ago. This summer it was moved to the Hiroshima Peace Museum, where it can be seen on request. Although the museum's exhibits, including a shadow on a stone wall of a victim who simply evaporated in the blast, cannot fail to move the

stoke anger among the general public. The Education Min-

istry film was among the

material banned, but a Japa-

nese camera crew member

visitor, the emphasis is on portraying sapanas an inno-cent victim of a cruel fate. That the bombing was the culmination of a war of aggression unleashed by Japan in the 1930s is not adequately Nor has anyone in the city come up with a convincing explanation of why the mont

ment to an estimated 20,000 Korean forced labourers or soldiers who died in the bombing is excluded from the ecred ground of the Peace Memorial Park, reserved for a cenotaph to the Japanese

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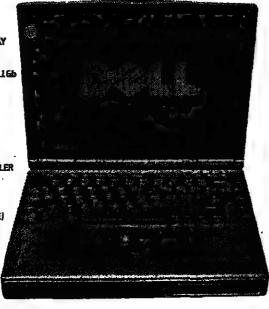
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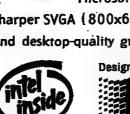
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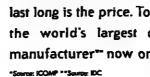




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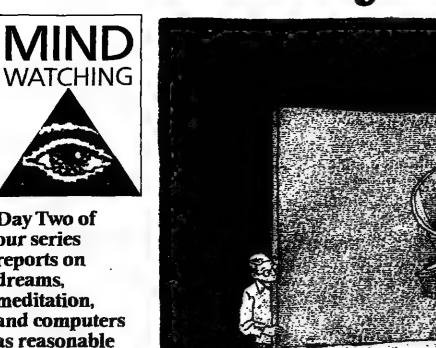
beings mysteries of consciousness. Although we spend one third of our lives asleep and at least a quarter of each night in a state of dreaming, relatively little is known about the origins and

purpose of our dreams. For Professor David Fontana, author of The Secret Power of Dreams (Element), dreams dissolve the bound-aries of normality, challenge the way we view the world and show us that life may not be what we think it is. "In dreams we enter the world of the imagination, an altered state of awareness in which we trade reality for a territory full of possibilities, a world in

which past, future and present lose their boundaries." Contemporary philosophers and neuroscientists are divided. Some consign dreams to the realm of mysticism and consider them unworthy of academic study; others consider dreams to be the last psychological frontier. For them an understanding of dreaming is fundamental to

any understanding of con-Professor Jim Horne, director of the sleep laboratory at Loughborough University. says we dream to entertain ourselves. "A dream is an intensely visual phenomenon, rather like a cinema of the mind. One of the functions of dreaming is to keep the mind occupied and tuned up during to us, and that much of our day. The notion that dreams sleep. For much of our evolu- action is unconsciously motielectric lighting and so there was nothing for us to do when it was dark. As a result, one of the evolutionary functions of sleep was to kill unproductive hours. The trouble is that the brain doesn't like being inactive for long periods and needs to have its circuits tested and worked on. Dreaming provides that function."

Professor Horne believes



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that the importance of dreams is overvalued. "Dreaming is associated with what we call rapid-eye-movement sleep. You can deprive people of dreaming sleep without any adverse effects. Sleep matters, not dreaming.

Young children and foetuses spend more time in states of

dreaming than adults. The time of life when rapid-eye-movement sleep is most prolific is at about six months to gestation. But it is unlikely that a sixmonth-old foetus would be dreaming in the way that we

In The Interpretation of Dree us, Freud write- mat the greater part of our life is unknown

most enjoyable access to the unconscious is through dreams where the "symbolic but watchful ego is still present". According to Freud. dreaming has a meaning. It has its own motives, narratives and trains of antecedent

To Freud's most eminent collaborator. Carl Jung, dreams have a psychic struc-

ture that is quite unlike that of other contents of consciousness: "They do not arise, like other conscious contents, from any clearly discernible, logical and emotional continuity of experience, but are remnants of a peculiar psychic activity taking place during sleep." But Professor Horne says there is nothing intrinsically

remarkable in dreams. dream as you think. A dream is a reflection of what notion of a has been on your mind, what you have seen the previous day. I find it hard to believe that someone who is dictionary sad or depressed

could conjure up

happy thoughts at

night that they had

not had during the give access to the innermost sense. You can find out about people's minds by talking to them, not by analysing their dreams. The notion of a universal dream dictionary is

Attempts have been made by scientists to control their dreams. Dr Keith Hearne, who has a doctorate in dream research from Liverpool University, has patented the

Hearne Dream Machine. The machine purports to make the sleeper aware that he is dreaming without waking him up. The phenomenon is called lucid dreaming.
Professor Susan Greenfield.

The mystery of our dreams

Fellow and Tutor in Medicine at Lincoln College, Oxford, and author of Journey to the Centres of the Mind (W. H. Freeman), is sceptical. "Lucid dreaming is not normal dreaming at all. I would say the lucid dreamer is in a state of consciousness. It's a bit like when you wake up from a nightmare and know that you are awake, even though you don't quite have control over

your state of mind." Contrary to Freud, Professor Greenfield says that the most basic riddle of dreams is what they actually are. "To me dreams are the smallest modicum of consciousness that we are able to have. I see consciousness as arising, from one moment to the next, as a result of brain cells rapidly banding and disbanding

Professor Greenfield says that some characteristics of schizophrenics are similar to those of the dreamer: "Mental status examination on schizophrenics can give a result in-distinguishable from the mental states of dreamers. When we dream we are all schizoohrenics."

JASON COWLEY

Moving to a higher plane

when we meditate? Is transcendental meditation little more than an eleborate synonym for taking a nap. Jason Cowley writes, or does it, as its followers claim, transport the meditator into a new realm of consciousness?

Despite being tainted by its early association with hippiedom and the counterculture revolution of the 1960s. TM is now practised by 160,000 people in Britain: the worldwide figure is close to four million. Introduced into this country by the followers of Maharishi Mahesh

MEDITATION

Yogi, among whom were the Beatles, it involves sitting comfortably for 20 minutes twice daily, during which the mind relaxes into a state of "restful alertness", slowing down physiological functions such as heart and respiratory rate.

Jonathan Leslie, co-chairman of the Central London Centre for Transcendental Meditation, says: "When Maharishi first started to teach meditation the mystical types. It wasn't until the early 1970s that scientists, some of whom meditated themselves, began to do research into what actually happens during meditative states of consciousness. Since then interest has grown exponentially."

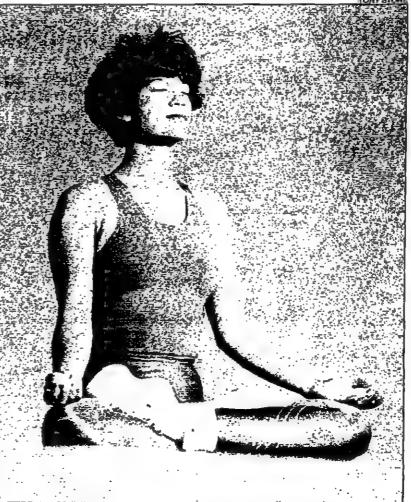
TM is gaining credibility among the scientific and medical communities. In April 1993, for instance, a group of about 700 doctors campaigned for its wider availability on the NHS. Research has shown that TM gives rise to a state of deep rest characterised by a marked reduction in metabolic activity, increased cerebral blood flow and features directly opposite to the physiological and bio-

chemical effects of stress. But how does this state of deep rest differ from sleep? "Subjectively, when I meditate I know I'm not sleeping." Mr Leslie says. "In any event, research has revealed that the brain-wave patterns of a person in transcendence are completely different from those of a sleeping person. What happens, physiologically, is that respiratory and heart rates slow down; the body gains twice as much rest as it time, the person feels completely alert and awake. The brain-wave patterns indicate a greater amount of creativity and alertness: they do not indicate a state of sleep. The person experiences a unique state of restful alertness."

He continues: "In normal circumstances, we experience three states of consciousness: waking, dreaming and sleeping. Each state of consciousness has its own state of physiology. Research shows that when a person is meditating he or she enters a different state of consciousness from the three established states, and this is called transcendental consciousness.

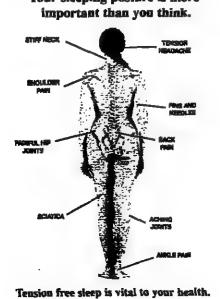
"When a person enters that new level of consciousness it has a dramatic effect on the physiology. As a result, the person gains more energy, greater creativity and an improved sense of self."

Mr Leslie says that TM differs from conventional meditation and yoga through its effortlessness. "Most techniques involve some act of concerted concentration or mind control. It may take the form of prayer or of some other act of contemplation. But TM doesn't involve any effort or control. It allows mental activity to settle down in a natural way while alertness is maintained."



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INTERPRETING DREAMS

THE idea that dreams may contain hidden messages is continually fascinating - particularly since so many of them are commonly experienced and frequently recur. Dr Petruska Clarkson, a clinical psychologist, believes that popular interpretations are inadequate because they cannot take into account the complexity of a subject's circumstances and personality but she suggests it is still possible to identify the psy-chological origins of many

• Falling dreams: these are equated to sexual temptation, sexual inadequacy, shame, or loss of a job. Dr Clarkson says that fear of falling is one of our deepest anxieties, because as babies we fear being dropped. This fear is rekindled when life events are linked to a loss of status, or "falling down" — for example, poor sexual performance, for-bidden sexual relations or becoming unemployed.

 Being naked in public associated with discovering a deception, or with unexpected

luck. Nakedness is traditionally equated with being humiliated, exposed or seen through. Again, it represents a fear commonly experienced when we are young - of not fitting in a group, or being considered a fraud.

The opposite interpretation — that nakedness could represent sudden good luck - may reflect the belief that being naked in public could be unexpectedly exciting.

● Teeth falling out means having untrustworthy friends or a downturn of financial fortune. Dr Clarkson suggests that teeth represent a means of survival. We depend on them and hope they will not let us down. Fear of losing them reflects insecurity.

• Flying: this represents ambition. If you fly on a steady path, you will achieve your goals. If you have difficulties or crash, you are grasping for more than you can reach. The experience of soaring is equaled with aspiration and the desire to be upwardly mobile.

BRIDGET HARRISON

EARLIER this year, a computer program called Deep Blue won a game of chess against Gary Kasparov. While the world champion rallied to win the match, Deep Blue's performance showed that another bastion of human intelligence was on the verge of crumbling

to a machine. Computers have come a long way since the British mathematician Alan Turing raised the question of machine intelligence in 1950. But could they become indistinguishable from human beings in their perception of the world

Can machines ever think like humans?

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In Austin, Texas, a team led by Dr Douglas Lenat is trying to create a machine that reasons like a human being. Dr Lenat's program, CYC as in encyclopaedic — is already vast, with more than 200 million bytes of source code, equivalent to 500 novels. For ten years, his team has been feeding CYC with commonsense rules, such as bread is a food" or "you're wet when you sweat". The program now contains nearly a million rules, and given another million. Dr Lenat asserts, it will be bright enough to ask its own

To others in artificial intelligence, "top-down" approaches such as CYC, which express

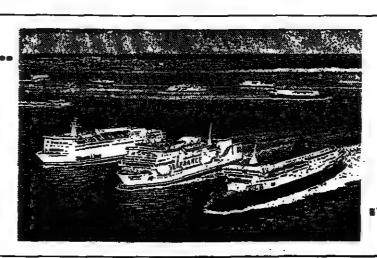
the world as a series of logical propositions, will never work. Foremost among these critics is Dr Rodney Brooks of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who designs machines to learn for themselves. The latest is Cog, which has a mere eight microprocessors for its brain. Cog is able to move about and collide with things, learning as it does so. Only by retracing the course of evolution. Dr Brooks implies, can machines acquire the intelligence human beings take for granted.

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Manufacturing weakness raises hopes of rate cut

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

INDUSTRIAL output fell unexpectedly in June, as the manufacturing sector contin-ued to struggle, resurrecting hopes of a rate cut in the autumn

Total production fell 1.1 per cent in June compared with a rise of 0.8 per cent in May, while the monthly measure of manufacturing output fell 0.3 per cent, and 0.5 per cent year-on-year, its lowest level since June 1993. The decline went against both City expectations of a small rise in output and more optimistic evidence from recent industrial trends surveys.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, cited chronic weakness in manufacturing as a major reason for

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cutting rates by a quarter point to 5.75 per-cent in June. Economists believe that withpolitical pressures weighing heavily on Mr Clarke's mind, the latest figures may offer the Chancellor a window to cut rates in the

Keith Davies, UK economist at 4Cast UK Data Analysis, said: "The indication that may provide the Chancellor with the justification he needs for one further rate cut in the autumn - especially as the inflationary outlook continues to look

Mr Clarke is likely to face continued opposition, however, from the Bank of England, which remains more hawkish on inflation, and will signal its views on the state of the connenty when it pileases its quarterly inflation bulletin amorrow.

City about the wisdom of further rate cuts, with economists saying that growing consumer demand, reflected in accelerating retail sales and money supply figures, could re-ignite inflation towards the end of

A 5.6 per cent drop in demand for utility supplies, which includes gas and electricity, because of the warm weather in June, was the largest single cause of the decline in total industrial output, according to the Office for National Statistics. Oil and gas production also fell 2.3 per cent.

But the fall in manufacturing w

in the nuclear facts and metal product at rise of 7.1 per cent in July, representing a sectors. Only the food, drink and tobacco slight fall from 7.3 per cent in June, but and the other manufacturing sectors manginally ahead of expectations.

Recent data from the Purchasing Managers' Index and CBI has hinted at an upturn in the manufacturing sector. But much of the improvement has been derived from measures of confidence, while stocks and orders remain weak. The stock overhang, in particular, looks likely to continue to hold back output in the near

future even with a recovery in demand.

Meanwhile, further evidence of the continuing strength of the consumer sector. was provided by the July figures for M0, the measure of narrow money supply, also published yesterday. MO showed an annu-

The narrower notes and coins measure rose 0.6 per cent month on month. Analysts said the figures were a tentative sign that the trend in high street spending remains upwards, although most forecast that the retail sales figures for July would slow slightly after June's strong showing.

UK housing starts fell 2 per cent in June from the previous three months, according

figures from the Department of the Environment. In the second quarter, new starts totalled 43,200, a fall of 12 per cent on the same three months last year.

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Pearson sells WP for £305m

PEARSON, the media and entertainment group, unveiled better than expected earnings yesterday and an-nounced that it had struck a for £305 million. The company also appointed a new chief executive at Penguin books and outlined plans to use Recoletos, its Spanish investment, to attack the vast

Latin American market. The shares, which have been on the wane in recent months because of severe losses at Mindscape, its computer games company, and concerns about its apparent lack of strategic direction, gained 19p to 630p.

Pearson's agreement to sell Westminster Press, its regional newspaper business, came just hours before the group reported a 40 per cent fall in pre-tax profits, to £30.2 million, in the half year to June 30. The biggest factor in the decline was Mindscape's £38.8 million loss, comprised of trading losses, write-offs and restructuring costs. Pearson said that Mindscape's worst days were behind it.

Operating profits fell 31 per cent to £49.1 million on sales of 1939.6 million, up 20 per cent. Excluding Mindscape, they rose 23 per cent to f87.9 million. Pearson has sold Westmin-

ster Press to Newsquest Media, a British company backed by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, America's leading leveraged buyout firm. Newsquest was formed by the management team that bought Reed Regional Newspapers last year. Pearson expects to receive £15 million in trading profits from WP, raising the sale's total contribution to £320 million, before the deal closes late this year. The disposal, Pearson said, was consistent with its strategy of selling local businesses with limited growth potential to concentrate on international expansion. Frank Barlow, managing director, called WP a domestic business in longterm decline."

The international expansion strategy will see Pearson pay

shares for a further 30 per cent of Recoletos, the Spanish newspaper and magazine publisher, taking its holding ment of Recoletos, whose titles include Expansion, the financial daily, and Marca, the sports newspapers, will retain

David Bell, the Pearson director responsible for the group's information businesses, said: "Outside Spain we plan to use Récoletos to build a significant platform in Spanish.
We are currently exploring a
number of other possible in-

vestments in South America." He would not give details but noted that Recoletos acquired a stake in the Chilean newspaper El Diario this year. in a surprise announce-

ment, Pearson estimated the total cost of retuning video recorders in Britain in preparation for the launch of Channel 5 at £100 million. The original business plan of Channel 5, in which Pearson has a 24 per cent stake, included £55 million in retuning costs. Greg Dyke, head of Pearson's TV division, called the £100 million figure "a very provisional estimate" that would have little impact on the channel's profitability. Pearson still expects the service to

break even in 1999. Penguin, which reported an a near seven-fold increase in operating profits, to £10.1 million, is to take on Michael Lynton as chairman and chief executive at the end of the year. He replaces Peter Mayer, who is leaving to run his family's publishing business. Mr Lynton, 36, started Disney Publishing and is cur-rently president of Hollywood Pictures, one of Disney's three film production studios.

Pearson is also looking for a replacement for Mr Barlow, who is to retire next year. The company said that it is

increasing the interim dividend by 9 per cent, to 6.9p, to reflect the underlying performance of the group.



Jim Brown, chief executive of Newsquest, the British company backed by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts that is buying Westminster Press

Cordiant to move Saatchi US chief from his post

JOHN FITZGERALD, the man hired by Cordiant at the beginning of this year to take over the US side of its Saatchi & Saatchi advertising agency, is to be moved from his post and may leave the company. Cordiant is understood to be "re-evaluating" his pos-

ition in the light of a series of battles involving Mr Fitzger-ald and some of the group's most senior staff. Mr Fitzgerald, 48, was hired from McCann Erickson, a rival agency, in

January and given the title of president and chief operating officer of Saatchi & Saatchi US. Bob Seelert, Cordiant's Mr Wax retires next year.

chairman, had let it be known that Mr Fitzgerald was expected to take over from Ed Wax as chief executive of Saatchi & Saatchi US when Mr Wax stepped into the role when Bill Muirhead

abruptly quit to join Cordiant's founders, Maurice

and Charles Saatchi, in their

new agency, M&C Saatchi. Internally, Cordiant staff have been told that Mr Fitzgerald will not now succeed Mr Wax and a new role is being found for him. Should he leave, this could prove expensive for the group as he is believed to be on a basic salary exceeding \$200,000 a year and has a 12-month

rolling contract. Cordiant refused to discuss Mr Fitzgerald's position directly. "Everyone at Cordiant is being re-evaluated all the time. Mr Fitzgerald was brought in as a catalyst. If in that process he has scorched a few feathers then so be it."

In New York yesterday, Mr Fitzgerald appeared unaware of his re-evaluation. There must be an absolute misunderstanding," he said. "I was with Charlie Scott Jerecutive chairmanl for a successful meeting only a week ago."

Today Cordiant is expected

to reveal a return to profits with strong half-year figures.

New Hays offer for Salvesen

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

THE BOARD of Christian Salvesen, the storage, distri-bution and specialist hire group, is expected to meet today to consider an improved bid from Hays, the business services group led by Ronnie Frost.

The new offer, made in a letter sent by Hays to Salvesen, is believed to be around 390p a share, an improvement of 20p on the initial offer, which was rejected last week.

ing its own earnings per

At Salvesen, which is based in Edinburgh, offici-als would not confirm when the board is meeting or the custom contents of the letter. When it met last Wednesday it described Hays's first offer as inadequate, but it left the door open for a higher bid. Mr Frost has stressed that he will not pay over the odds for Salvesen. But there is speculation that the target company may hold out for at least 400p and at that level Hays would risk dilut-

paid in early May. Midland Bank chipped in

HSBC leaps after better than hoped half-way profit

SHARES in Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC), owner of Midland Bank, jumped 48p to 1164p yesterday after the international investment banking group unveiled higher than

forecast half-year results. HSBC, which announced that pre-tax profits rose 34 per cent to £2.32 billion in the six months to June 30, also annonneed that final dividends would be paid to nearly 180,000 shareholders a month earlier than has been the

Sir William Purves, group chairman of HSBC, who declared a first interim payout of 15p to be paid on October 11 compared with 9.25p, said that in future a second interim would be announced with the year-end results in March and

with a 35 per cent increase in attributable profits to £439 million while its cost to in-

pioneering telephone banking operation, signed up 88,000 new accounts in the first six months of the year. and is now a profitable concern, Sir William said. Midland's operating expenses were Ell million lower at Ell billion and staff numbers have fallen 1,269, or 3 per cent

since June last year. Contributions to group profits from HSBC's international businesses included Hongkong Bank's £818 mil-lion, up 25 per cent from last year; HSBC America's £115 million (£85 million last time) and the British Bank of the Middle East's £32 million. compared with £31 million previously.

HSBC's assets rose by 5 per cent to £237 billion, while earnings per share were up 30

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Drive to sell off housing loans

BY SAILA MCCONNELL

THE Government yesterday started the sell-off of £1.1 billion of public sector housing association loans in a move that will place the whole of the sector's £10 billion loan portfolio in private hands for

the first time.

NM Rothschild, which is advising the Department of the Environment on the sale. is targeting 150 potentially interested financial institutions including banks, building societies and investment banks. It has sent out a preliminary information memorandum to get feedback from the private sector on the the sale of the portfolios.

The loans are currently held by the Housing Corporation. Scottish Homes and Housing for Wales and were funded by the National Loan Fund before the late 1980s. Since then, the Government has insisted that such loans should be funded by the private sector.

Charles Keay, executive direc-tor of Rothschild, believes there will be a significant amount of interest from banks, building societies and other institutions

in the housing sector.

He added: "If the sale goes ahead, it will be by far the tions have seen in the sector; purchasers would at a stroke gain up to 10 per cent of the market and relationships with anything up to 1,200 associations".

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During 1994 France attracted 9.3 billion Ecus

(£7.6 billion), ahead of Spain with 8.2 billion ecus and Belgium-Luxembourg with 7 billion

ecus. These figures cover both investment from

fellow European states and from countries

strate that they have tough internal controls already in ecutive of the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA). whose annual report yesterday showed that fines levied

on members in the year to March 31 breached the El million level for the first time, also said that consultation papers on proposed rule changes regarding the responsibilities of senior ex-

Ruling by Offer aids the Scots

THE frontline watchdog re-

sponsible for policing City

brokers and futures traders

yesterday said it was pre-

pared to reduce the burden

of complying with the rules provided that firms demon-

Richard Farrant, chief ex-

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

MORE electricity will be fed to England and Wales from Scotland after the industry regulator upheid an appeal from the two trading arrangements be-

tween the two regions. Increased exports from Scottish Power and Hydro-Electric are likely to bring down the price of electricity in the English and Welsh trading system because Scottish companies produce cheaper power. They are also likely to raise the stakes in the cross-border battle for

customers. Scottish companies can now increase their exports after the regulator rescinded an arrangement whereby whatever power is sold into Scotland has an impact on what power can be sold to England via the interconnector.

Professor Stephen Littlechild, the regulator, said: The present arrangements would enable English generators to neutralise competition through the interconnector.

National Power and PowerGen may now move to increase their physical presence in Scotland. As they are forced to buy electricity from Scottish companies to trade in Scotland, their margins on the

business are slight. PowerGen is currently encountering local opposition on its plans to site a power station in Lanarkshire. A spokesman for the generator said: "We are disappointed by the ruling from Offer but we remain committed to competition

France tops European investment league outside the European Union. France also topped the table for investment by fellow European countries alone with a total invest-FRANCE has emerged as the leading Euroment of 6.8 billion ecus during 1994. If

pean country in attracting investment from investment from other countries in Europe is abroad, according to Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Communities. stripped out, Belgium/Luxembourg is top with The figures are the first ever published for European Union inward investment but cover 2.8 billion ecus. Britain manages second in this table with 2.6 billion ecus of direct investment 1994, just before a wave of foreign investment in from outside Europe in 1994.

plining the most senior execu-

tives in charge of Barings at the time of the £830 million

crash, has already promised it would make its disciplinary process and thinking more

transparent. Mr Farrant yes-

terday added that in future

cases of severe financial or reputational damage, or very serious conduct of business

rule breaches, "we will be shifting the burden of proof". He added: "SEOs will have to

prove that they did not break

the rules, rather than the SFA

having to prove that they did." Mr Farrant said that the new rules on the responsibil-ities of SEOs would be spelt out more clearly "to avoid any confusion in the future about

the standards we expect from

senior management". The SFA, which reported

increased administrative ex-

penses - to £22.8 million from

£17.5 million previously — will

allow firms with a good disci-

plinary record to free up

capital to reinvest in their

businesses. Those who fail to

satisfy the watchdog, however,

will be required to post addi-

project unveiled in April by

Imro (the Investment Man-

agement Regulatory Organisation), the regulator for fund

managers, for a two-tier level

of supervision.

The SFA's increased expen-

diture was largely because of a huge investment in new tech-

nology to provide a transac-

tion monitoring system.

According to its annual report, the watchdog spent £3.4 mil-

lion on systems, compared with £418,000 the previous year. Offsetting the additional

technology expenditure was an increase in the amount of

costs recovered from "enforce-

ment actions", from £160,000

The number of visits to SFA

members' firms rose to 1,824

from 1,731 previously, with the

proportion of non-routine in-

spections up from 55 per cent

to 72 per cent. During the last

year, the watchdog prosecuted 53 firms and individuals, com-

NISSAN'S UK operations

may fall into the red this year

because of the hefty start-up

costs the Japanese car manu-

facturer has run up on the new

Primera model, to be launched in October.

The UK division of Nissan

turned in pre-tax profits of

more than £10 million last

year, but interest charges on the investment in the new

pared with 36 in 1994.

to £714,000.

The plan is similar to a

tional funding.

When the huge LG development in Wales was announced last month, Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, reckoned that Britain had achieved £100 billion of inward

investment in the past decade. LG, one of the giant South Korean chaebol. or conglomerates, is to spend £1.7 billion in creating 6,000 consumer electricals jobs at

Newport over the next few years. Such job creation in Britain, however, has created controversy because of the amount of Government aid offered to creat each job. Estimates of the aid to the Newport project ranged up to £30,000 for each job created.

Yesterday's Eurostat figures reveal, however. that a high proportion of direct cross-border investment in Europe comes from other European countries. European nations invest 80 per cent more in other European states than do countries outside Europe.

Many of Britain's successful investments

establish a stable base in the European Union. the largest world market outside North America.Germany and the Netherlands are the biggest European investors abroad, spending 8.3 billion ecus each in 1994. Britain was next

with 3.8 billion ecus. Eurostat, the Luxembourg-based EU statistical arm, makes the point that the various components of foreign direct investment can fluctuate considerably from year to year and are subject to an array of accounting differences between member states. For Britain, however 1995 was a record year for direct investment

SFA fines go over £1m in year for first time ecutive officers (SEOs) would be sent out this month. The SFA, stung by criticism of its perceived laxity in disci-

July traffic on Le Shuttle doubled in a year, taking 44 per cent of the car market and 45 per cent for trucks

New highs for Eurotunnel traffic

EUROTUNNEL sent its banks a timely reminder of its improving commercial prospects yesterday with record figures (Jonathan

Prynn writes). These showed that its trains have carried more than 100,000 passengers over a

weekend for the first time.

During the three days from last Friday to Sunday Le Shuttle trains carried more than 31,000 cars, coaches, motorcycles and cycles. through the Channel Tunnel. the equivalent to about 100,000 passengers.

It was the first time passenger traffic has breached the 100,000 mark over a threeday period. Traffic in July also smashed all previous records, with 234.393 cars, motorcycles and cycles and 5,736 coaches crossing the Channel on Le Shuttle, about

double the figures for the same period last year. Euroturnel also claimed an

ket share for July, with its services taking 44 per cent of the car market and 45 per cent of the truck market. -The Eurostar high-speed

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passenger train service broke the 500,000 mark in July, a 72 per cent increase on last year.

Banks' losses point to end of free accounts

By ANNE ASHWORTH

£500 million cost to the banks

of providing these services.

which means that businesses

are forced to cross subsidise

related to three quarters of

that £250 million will hit this

The new Primera, it is

hoped, will hold the key to

Nissan raising its production. At present Nissan is working

well below full capacity at its

Sunderland plant. But Mr

Gibson yesterday predicted

full capacity production by 1999. When the new Primera

year's figures.

THE demise of free banking could be close, as banks struggle to recoup the £2.2 billion a year cost of providing money transmission services, such as debit cards, cheque books and hole-in-the-wall cash ma-

chines to personal customers. This prediction, made in a report, UK Money Transmission Mechanisms, published by Datamonitor, the market research group, follows the launch earlier this year of the Barclays Addition account which offers extra benefits in return for a monthly fee. individual customers. How-Datamonitor calculates ever, this still leaves the banks return for a monthly fee.

model could wipe that out, lan

Gibson, managing director,

Nissan has paid out £320

million to develop the new

Primera, which Mr Gibson has

said will be the "most impor-

tant car we've launched". Of

that £320 million, £250 million

has gone on development at the

Sunderland base of the Japa-

nese manufacturer. Charges

admitted yesterday.

with a shortfall of £1.2 billion. that, in 1995, the banks recovered £1.5 billion of money In the past, says Datamonitor, the banks have spent on transmission costs by charging £670 million in mersought to plug the gap by chant interchange fees to shops and other outlets which heavy charges on personal customers with overdrafts. take credit and debit cards. The banks also turned to their business customers who paid £835 million in money trans-mission fees in 1995. This is £335 million more than the

never a popular move. But the numbers of accounts in the red are decreasing, as customers use their credit cards. Datamonitor says that imextremely difficult. If banks choose to introduce accounts

posing mandatory charges on customers in credit will prove with benefits such as insurance, customers will question the value of these extras.

Primera costs to dent Nissan results

comes on stream it is expected

that output will climb from

217,000 cars to about 240,000,

with production split evenly between the Primera and the There are no plans to manufacture a third model at Sunderland, although Mr Gibson said there have been "scrious discussions about having a

third model" since 1992.

Gas trial problems identified

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE next round of competition in domestic gas may have to be slowed to combat problems so far encountered in the trial in the South West of England, according to the Gas Consumers Council. The council has issued a call for more stages to the scheme, which will expand from the South West next year, as new figures show that only 53,000 customers have switched sup-

plier from British Gas. The figure is lower than had been hoped three months into the scheme for 500,000 households in Devon and Cornwall. Only a few hundred customers a week are currently moving from British Gas. although tariffs offered by competitors knock up to 20 per

cent from gas bills.

A British Cas spokesman said the company expects to lose more customers when the weather worsens. He said: "At the moment people are not really thinking about their gas bills. They will do so more when it gets colder."

Customers who switched supplier to rivals such as Swebgas and Amerada Hess at the start of the trial will now be receiving their first bills.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Company failures up 45% in July

THE number of company failures rose 45 per cent in July. with the construction and manufacturing sectors bearing the brunt of the increase. The total number of receivership appointments and administration orders rose from 128 in appointments and administration orders rose from 128 in June to 186 in July, according to figures compiled by Deloitte & Touche, the accountant, Construction appointments nearly doubled to 33, with 25 concentrated in the general construction and demolition sector, while manufacturing receiverships rose 38 per cent to 54. Deloitte & Touche said that increases accounted in course of the ten content.

that increases occurred in seven of the ten sectors.

Regionally, Yorkshire and Humberside and the North West suffered the biggest increase in appointments last month. The number of appointments also accelerated in London and the South East. Ralph Preece, partner in charge of corporate recovery in London and the South East, said that appointments were occurring in all sectors and did not point to any particular problems for any individual industry. The only regions to escape a rise in receiverships were East Anglia and Scotland.

Fewer in negative equity

THE number of households in negative equity fell by close to a third in the second quarter of 1996, decreasing from 1,099,000 to 758,000, in the largest decline for three years. Rob Thomas, housing analyst at UBS, the Swissowned securities house, notes that this is the first time that the number of households affected by negative equity has fallen below one million since 1991. The UBS survey follows similarly up-beat sets of statistics on the housing market from two building societies, the Halifax and the

Bank resignation

THE Bank of Scotland yesterday announced that Scott Bell, group managing director of Standard Life, Europe's largest mutual insurer, has resigned from the bank's board of directors. The resignation follows the completion of the sale last month of Standard Life's stake of nearly 33 per cent stake in Bank of Scotland through a secondary offering. Norman Lessels. non-executive chairman of Standard Life, who was re-elected to the bank's board in June, has agreed to continue as a director of Bank of Scotland, but in a personal capacity.

US growth still strong

US LEADING indicators rose 0.5 per cent in June, ahead of Wall Street expectations of a 0.3 per cent rise, suggesting that American economic growth remains strong. It was the fifth American economic growth remains strong. It was the fifth consecutive rise in the figures, which are compiled from a series of sector indicators, and the largest rise since Pebruary. Coincident indicators also rose 0.5 per cent, although lagging indicators fell 0.1 per cent. US housing completions, meanwhile, rose 0.4 per cent in June, representing an 11.3 per cent increase year on year. The June level was the highest

Water prices criticised

CONSUMERS are extremely critical of water prices according to the National Consumer Council. A survey of 2,000 people shows that 40 per cent of consumers find water company charges unreasonable. This level of criticism is equal to the combined disapproval rating for gas and electricity companies. The survey, published today, says: "Regional electricity companies can boast an overall 81 per cent satisfaction rate — a figure which may have been influenced by the E50 rebate many customers would have received."

Manders in £4.7m deal

MANDERS, the coatings and printing inks specialist, has bought the US printing ink business of Croda Inks, part of Croda International, for £4.7 million with effect from August 1. Manders is acquiring manufacturing locations in Atlanta, Milwaukee and Chicago as well as the right to carry on supplying existing Croda Inks customers. The majority of employees at Croda Inks, which had a 1995 turnover of £17 million. will be re-employed by Manders. Manders said the acquisition was aimed at giving the company a strong US presence.

Abbey National debut

NATIONAL & Provincial's 1.3 million members officially became part of the Abbey National yesterday. Over the next few months passbooks and other documents will be reissued with the Abbey National logo. Abbey paid £1.35 billion, creating an enlarged Abbey National with 12.5 million customers and £120 billion of assets. Bonuses to be paid to N&P members are being calculated and will be credited between August 27 and September 2. Members stand to get up to £4.750 in cash or Abbey National shares.

Ultra lands £6.1m MSI

ULTRA ELECTRONICS, the defence contractor that announced plans to float at the weekend, is paying £6.1 million to buy Measurement Systems Incorporated, based in Connecticut. MSI designs and makes controls such as joysticks and trackerballs. Last year it made operating profits of £700,000 on sales of E5.6 million. MSI will become part of Ultra's electrics division. Ultra, which made operating profits of £10.6 million last year, is expected to be valued at about £120 million when it joins the stock market via a placing in early autumn.

McKay Securities fall

MCKAY SECURITIES, the Reading property company, reported pre-tax profits of £2.8 million for the year to March 31, a fed pre-tax profits of 1225 minion for the year to Materi 51, a £100,000 fall from the previous year. McKay blamed the fall on a loss of rental income after the expiry of a lease of a Bicester property. Plans for a 100,000 sq ft office development in central Reading remain on hold while the company awaits an improvement in demand. McKay intends to start work on the residential side of the scheme next year. The final dividend is increased to 3.4p (3.1p), making a total of 5.5p (5.2p) a share.

Sea Containers building sold for £102m

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent



Sea Containers House in Southwark has been bought Capital and Income Group

SEA Containers House, the Thames-side headquarters in Southwark of the shipping group, has been sold to a

private property investment consortium for £102 million. The deal is the third major transaction in nine months for Capital and Income Group, a collection of property companies controlled by wealthy overseas investors.

John Barroll Brown, chief xecutive of Capital & Income Group, said that it was keen to buy high-quality landmark buildings. In November tast year, it paid £31 million for the Marco Polo building in Battersea and last month acquired Smith Newcourt By Carl Mortished

House in the City from Ladbroke Group for £67 million. Mr Brown said that total investment to date was about £280 million. "In the short term, we expect to double

Capital and Income Group is buying the 420,000 sq ft Sea Containers House from Allied Domecq Pension Fund on a yield of 8.75 per cent. Mr Brown said the yield would rise to 9 per cent when 16,000 sq ft of vacant space is let. The original developers of

Sea Containers House intend-

ed a hotel, but the concrete

shell of the building was

acquired by the shipping

group in the late 1970s and

lavishly fitted out in a manner to suit the owners of the

Orient Express. In 1988, Sea Containers disposed of the freehold in a £110 million sale and ack transaction with Rotch Property Group and the property was subsequently sold to the Allied Domecq pension fund.

Yesterday's deal is the second major property London sale in a week. DGI, a German property fund has paid Land Securities £130 million for 33 Grosvenor Place, SWI, The 188,000 sq ft building is occupied by Amerada Hess, the American oil company.

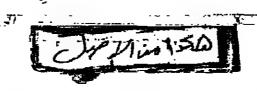
DTI seeks to close Titan II

TITAN International, a US limited liability company, and Titan International Incorporated, the successors of an international money-circulation scheme, were yesterday described in court as "inher-ently objectionable" by Roger Kaye, QC, for the Department of Trade and Industry. Mr Kaye said the com-

panies were clones of the original Titan Business Club. The DTI has moved to wind up the new "Titan II" scheme, launched after the Titan Business Club was the subject of a series of court orders. Mr Kaye asked the High

Court to issue similar injunctions on Titan II if a provisional liquidator is not appointed. The hearing continues.

TOURIST RATES



☐ Pearson's Spanish stroll may take time ☐ Latest warning for competitive power market ☐ Bank's opposition to a rate cut

Adventures in mañana-land

☐ NOT a lot of people know this, but Pearson's roots lie in Latin America and the Panama Canal, one of the biggest projects for the 19th century builder that evolved into today's curiously shaped

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Kay securities

Lord Blakenham, Pearson's chairman, is keen to repeat the experience, in publishing rather than construction. The key question, given the pace of life in Latin countries, is whether the market will countrie to whether the market will give him the nec-essary time. Pearson wants to build on the success of Recoletos of Spain by taking chunks of similar businesses in other parts of the Spanish-speaking world, a process that has already started with the purchase of a stake in El Diario, a Chilean business

newspaper. There was never any logic in a group holted together out of a business newspaper, fine china. fine wine, oil services and a halfstake in a merchant bank, whatever Pearson may have said in its heyday. China and oil have gone, and the focus over the past couple of years has been on TV with Grundy, maker of Neighbours and various cheap but lucrative game shows, and the disastrous venture into computer games, Mindscape.

The focus for the analysts over the same period has been on a relentiess underperformance. the shares having lost a fifth of their value since April. In today's ambitious head of the TV busimarket, when that happens to a conglomerate then talk of a demerger becomes inevitable. Pearson's problem, exacerbated

by doubts over who will take-over from Frank Barlow, the managing director, has been that no one is too sure where the future lies, whether in enter-tainment, information or edu-cation or if the current shape is cation, or if the current shape is any more suitable than the earlier fine wines and china incarnation. The sale of Westminster Press is at least a move in the right direction, a distinctly mature asset being exchanged for one, Recoletos, that has the potential for growth.

Yesterday's jump in the share price suggests Pearson may at last be getting something right. But consider the contrast with Granada, a sharp outperformer of the market since the purchase of Forte and another conglomerate subject to demerger ru-mours. These are being stoked by the company itself, with suggestions that the TV division may be floated off shortly. Pear-

son is reduced to talking down such hopes. But if Greg Dyke,

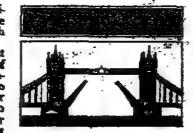
ness, loses out in the race to be managing director then such talk will start up again. There has been constant

speculation on the shape of Pearson," Lord Blakenham in-sisted yesterday. "There are no plans to announce in the near future any dramatic moves to demerge the TV businesses or any other part of the group." Not by you, milord, not by you. But spend too long in manana-land, and someone else may decide to do the job for you.

Slow burn or gas explosion

THERE is a peculiarly British tendency to assume any change to the existing order will end in disaster, as Pearson and the other partners in Channel 5 are learning. But there are times when pessimism is justified.

It has never been conclusively proven that the bulk of the population wants to shop around for such basic essentials as gas and power — the opposite is true, from the miserable showing the



cable telecoms providers have made. Last week one of the iggest, Telewest, tacitly accepting that the market penetration achieved ap far is madequate, responded by putting a salesman rather than a linancier in charge. Current levels of take-up of

cable and telecoms services mean almost four out of five people, asked if they want their telephone bills cut by as much as 15 per cent, have said no, thank you. This hardly augurs well for power and gas. The savings there from allowing new provid-ers to undercut British Gas and the local electricity company are about the same, ranging up to 20 per cent. And unlike the telecoms companies with their cable TV channels, the new suppliers have

no new service to offer on ten.
Three months into the trial gas market in the South West, only about the per tent of distoracins have switched to a cheaper supplier. Constitute for worness about the only reason. The weather is hardly conducive to wornes about the central heating. Some households will not want to rely on new and implement businesses; the disgraceful high pressure sales tactics of the only incumbent unity. Sinch Western Electricity, will have discouraged many others, as will the mess British Gasts TransComade of a batch of final hills to transferring customers.

But the Gas Consumers Council call for further delay is only

cil call for further delay is only the latest warning that ministers, market, are moving too fast. If this has to be achieved area by area, and millions have to wait a few months longer for the bene-fits, so be it. The evidence from the South West hardly suggests they are ciamouring for an early, botched transition.

And the Government's belief that the whole country can be offered a matching free market

in electricity overnight by the spring of 1998, without any limited consumer trials, looks little short of lunacy.

Forget economics, this is politics

DANOTHER day, another loasy set of manufacturing fig-Kenneth Clarke will use them as an excuse to cut interest rates again. All base rate cuts are politically inspired, but such

speculation would surely be in-speculation would surely be in-conceivable if we were not months off a general election. We have all become so used to Kenneth Clarke cutting rates on the merest whisper of economic weakness that we have forgotten that the great new British mone-tary framework was supposed in tary framework was supposed to set policy based on where inflation is expected to be in two years' time, and not last month, Eddie George at the Bank of England is doubtless primed to express his disapproval tomorrow when the latest Inflation Report is published. But it is increasingly obvious that the

nothing more than a sideshow to the political manoeuvring in the the political manoeuvring in the run-up to the election. Economic rationality plays little part in all this. Consider: the pound is falling. The trend for interest rates in the US and Japan is upwards — probably. Britain's economic institutes, the London Business School and the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, warn against rate and tax cuts but assume that both will happen.

both will happen.

The City trumpets the recovery in the consumer sectors of the economy — which must ever-tually drag manufacturing back to growth — but still expects lower rates. The Bank warns that it is when the economy gives out mixed signals that most caution must be exercised. But the Bank, does not have an election to win.

Heavy traffic

□ WELL into the dog days of August, and the roads may be quieter but the deals keep coming: Corporate Money has just logged 1,000 so far this year. Last year's total by value was £75 billion, but strip out three megabids in 1995 and the £56 billion and the £56 billion. up to end-July looks quite respectable. The trend is for agreed deals; can this reflect one last chance to stitch up the market before the election?

Stephen Davidson, chief executive, says Telewest has seen strong competition from terrestrial television

BA growth slowed by increase in fuel prices

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

AN UNEXPECTED jump in fuel prices hit first-quarter profits at British Airways, costing the airline at least £23 million. Even so, British Airways reported pre-tax profits of £150 million for the three months to June 30, an 11 per cent increase on the £135 million achieved in the same

period a year ago. Much of the improvement was due to a sharp reduction in the cost of borrowings. Operating profit, heavily dependent on costs such as fuel, rose by only El million in the same

period.
The 14.5 per cent rise in fuel prices was apparently caused by the particularly cold winter, which left oil companies short of supplies, and by a fall in the value of the pound against the dollar. In some parts of the ter air fares however. BA world, aviation fuel prices rose by more than 20 per cent in the spring. Without the fuel price rise, BA's operating profits would have risen by at least 12 per cent, the airline claimed.

The problems were comairlines now benefiting from the greatly improved passenger figures, by an increase in the number of hours flown by each aircraft as demand for flights grew. Each additional flight used more of the higherpriced fuel and therefore resulted in an overall increase in fuel costs of more than £50

Neither BA, nor other big airlines affected by the price rise, expect there to be any effect on ticket prices or chardescribed the increases as "a blip" and Britannia, Britain's biggest charter airline, said that their forward-buying policy and insurance "hedge" against such rises will protect

passengers from any increase. per cent to £2.3 billion in the three months, with 8.35 million passengers carried. Although the total number of passengers was only marginally up on the same period last year, on average they flew further and therefore earned more in revenue for the airline. Overall yield was up 6.6

Significancily, cargo carryings — always regarded as a key early indicator of the

division. The remainder of the

1996, the press division re-

In the same period Verson

showed operating profits of

losses of £6.3 million the

previous year. Turnover grew

from £104 million to £106

million and profits before tax

fell from £11.3 million to £4.8

on sales of £51.9 million.

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- rose by 9.4 per cent. Profit after tax was £115 million, equivalent to earnings of 11.9p per share, up 13.3 per cent on the 10.5p a year ago. Sir Colin Marshall, BA's

chairman, was in upbeat mood yesterday. "The outlook general and for British Airways in particular remains encouraging," he said. "This will be another record year for

"With our current and proposed alliance partnerships and our plans to deliver step change improvements in busi ness efficiency, we are well placed to provide continuing profitable growth for our shareholders and employees.

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figures disappoint BY GEORGE SIVELL SHARES in Telewest slipped

Telewest market share

tration needs to be 30 per cent

Telewest suffered a El17.6 million loss after tax in the rix months to the end of June cures, Telewest revealed compared with an £38.6 mil-. lion loss in the limt half of last market penetration for the year. There is no dividend. Stephen Davidson, chief exsecond quarter of 1996 of 21.1

er cent, little changed from ecutive, said: "Operating conditions in the second quarter Analysts said the market have seen strong competition figures were disappointing, considering the refrom terrestrial television, due marketing blitz in to the quantity of sport being broadcast, while the telephony

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21.2 per cent in 1995.

oup's market penetration tures. Along with half-year

marketing campaign from British Telecom." However he said: "We achieved further steady growth across all our and have now passed 2.2 million homes, 57 per cent of our network."

He said: "We believe we are now fully funded following the signing of a £1.2 billion banking facility. The increase in our net loss is in line with expectations and we remain on course to go operating cashflow positive during this

US blow for Zotefoams

SHARES in Zotefoams, the speciality foam maker, fell 4lp to 199p yesterday, after it said that destocking from its main US customer had forced pre-tax profits down 11 per cent to £3.05 million in the year to June 30. Wrebbit, a producer of

three-dimensional jigsaws, suspended its foam order in Pebruary, hitting group sales, which fell 15 per cent to £10.3 million. UK sales rose to £3.5 million, offsetting sluggish demand from the Continent. Earnings fell to 5.6p (6.4p). An interim dividend of 2p (1.8p) will be paid on September 18.

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1996 Interim Results

Calderburn names chief executive

By Alasdair Murray

CALDERBURN, the troubled office furniture company, yesterday ended its long hunt for a new chief executive with the appointment of Stephen Thomson, Mr Thomson, who was formerly managing direc-tor at Oceanics, replaces Alec Waddicor who resigned this year, although he will continue as a consultant.

Christopher Taylor, previously a finance director with Dobson Park Industries, will take over as finance director from Keith Bennett, who also stepped down after the group ran into trouble this year. Calderburn shares have

plummeted from a high of 200p to a low of 3lp in barely a year after three profits warnings and a slump into the

Full-year losses for 1995 totalled £3.75 million, after the company was forced to sell the Cooper Dauphin business at a £4.25 million loss. Calderburn passed on its final dividend. Shares in the company yesterday rose 4p to close at 35p.

Chairman to buy Verson's press division for £29m

By OLIVER AUGUST printing, is part of the sale and will stay with the press

VERSON International, the Midlands machinery maker. plans to sell its press division executive chairman, for £29

The company yesterday said that given the size of its existing borrowings and the expected increase in working capital required, debt could not be meaningfully reduced through improved operating

Mr Kelleher said: "The disposal of the press division reduces the debt burden significantly and allows the group to develop and focus on its profitable metal processing businesses."

The sale is to be approved by shareholders at an extraordinary meeting. They will also be asked to vote on a change of name at the annual meeting in September. The name "Verson", which is traditionally associated

Britannia loyalty adds £3m to costs BY SARA MCCONNELL

BRITANNIA Building Society's attempts to retain the loyalty of its customers in the face of pressure to convert to a bank has led to a sharp rise in management emenses. The administration bill rose to

the Littell and Brook divi-ES4.1 million (ES0.9 million) in sions, is to be called the first six months of this year. The extra sum went to fund the costs of setting up the loyalty bonus scheme and improveacquisition Mr Kelleher will ments to the customer database. resign as chief executive but John Heaps, chief executive, remain as chairman of

said 50 per cent of costomers had already responded to mail-shots introducing the boms scheme, which will award boman of Press Purchase Company, the buyers of the press nuses to savers and borrowers. In the year to February 2, Pre-tax profits for the first

six months of this year rose to £57.3 million, up 13 per cent on last year, mostly because of a halving of provisions for bad debts, from £15.1 million in the first half of 1995 to £7.1 million in 1996. Gross lending was up 90 per cent on the same period last year at £740.6 million.

Income and charges from fees and commissions fell from £27.4 million to £26.7 million.

Half year to	30 June 1996	30 June 199
Profit before tax	62,321m	£1,737
Profit attributable to shareholders	£1,586m	£1,203
Earnings per share	60.14p	46.11
Dividends per share	15.00n	9.25
Capital resources	£23,403m	£19,464

First half 1996 over first half 1995:

- Pre-tax profit up 34% and attributable profit
- Pre-tax profit up 28% and attributable profit up 27% in Hong Kong dollars
- Earnings per share up 30%
- Dividends per share up 62%
- Total capital ratio 15.3% and tier 1 capital

Comment by Sir William Purves. HSBC Group Chairman

CC Our results for the first half of 1996 were good. A momber of features were particularly satisfying. In Midland Bank, operating expenses declined. First Direct continued to make good progress, adding 88,000 customers and steadily growing its profitability. Our global custody business won significant new accounts. In Hong Kong, action taken in the last eighteen months to strengthen and expand our treasury centre has generated stronger foreign exchange earnings. Hang Seng Bank continued to expand the proportion of its balance sheet taken up by advances to customers. Our other businesses in the rest of the Asia-Pacific region also performed well.

The Board has declared a first interim dividend of 15 pence per share, an increase of 62 per cent compared with 9.25 pence declared at this stage in 1995. This increased interim dividend reflects both the Group's improved results and the desire to increase the proportion of the annual distribution paid out at the

The Board also plans to accelerate the distribution of dividends following the year-end by paying a second interim dividend in respect of 1996 in lieu of a final dividend. This dividend will be declared with the yearend results in early March for payment in early May.

Our markets remain highly competitive and are undergoing structural change. With strong capital and liquidity and with a loyal and dedicated workforce, we look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. 🤧

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HSBC's strong showing helps to buoy shares

gains throughout the day in a market buoyed by the strong close on Wall Street on Friday and better than expected interim profits from HSBC, the large banking group that owns Midland.

Volume was slight, however, as traders awaited Wednesday's quarterly infla-tion report from the Bank of England and a spate of economic news from the US.

There is a combination of excuses for not dealing," said one leading broker, who noted that the summer torpor had set in further muting the market. There has also been a slight change in the interest rate state of play. The outlook for lower interest rates has shifted to unchanged to higher rates. While that change takes place, the market tends to wait and see until there is a clear path ahead." he added. On Friday, the Dow Jones

industrial average surged 85.08 points to 5,679.83 in response to some weakness in the US jobs report, alleviating fears about inflation and a rise in short-term interest rates. Large movements on Wall Street usually reverberate in the UK, but brokers said attention was firmly focused on UK economic news for the week, now that the US jobless figures had been absorbed. The FT-SE 100 ended near its high of the day, at 3,788.3, up

In such a thin market individual share price movements tend to be exaggerated. HSBC, whose finance director is Douglas Flint, was the biggest blue chip mover of the day, with the ordinary shares climbing 48p to 1,164p, considerably above the previous high for the year of 1.124p.

The rise followed the release

of interim profits at the international investment banking group which owns Midland The unexpectedly strong results triggered a round of broker upgrades for the stock, with new estimates for 1996 earnings.

The HSBC board has also restructured its dividend payments to put the final payout in the hands of shareholders a previously paid.

Pearson was another top performing blue chip issue, climbing 19p to 630p as the market applauded the sale of the group's Westminster Press operations for £305 milion to



HSBC's Douglas Flint and Sir William Purves, chairman

results were on the disappointing side, but traders took heart from signs that the the company's US Mindscape computer games business, while still loss-making, appears to be over the worst.

British Telecom was the most heavily traded issue of the day. The company's eleventh-hour settlement with Oftel, the regulator, over pric-

Speculation that a predator is about to snap up Aberdeen Steak Houses sent shares soaring to 70p from 38p. A statement from the USM-quoted restaurant chain saying it knew of no reason for the price movement failed to halt the gains. The company recently said that the BSE scare would hurt first-half results.

ing helped shares in BT to rise Ip to 365.5p. There had been concern that BT would fail to reach an agreement and that the case would be referred to the Mergers and Monopolies Commission, where it could have dragged on for another year. The settlement was announced late Friday, after the markets had closed for the day. Although share price movement appeared slight,

585n. The bank confirmed that it had completed its merger with National & Provincial building society and that 84 million new Abbey ordinary shares had been listed. Meanwhile Barclays gained 5p to 845p ahead of its interim results tomorrow.

stockbrokers noted that the

shares also went ex-dividend

yesterday and that effectively

they were up 10p or 11p. taking

in the banking sector, a

number of companies went ex-

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fell 13p to 642p while Lloyds TSB lost 13p to 341.5p. Abbey

National edged 3p lower to

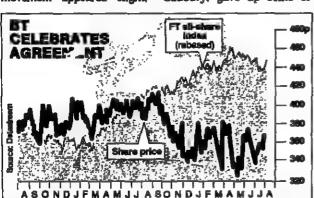
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evidence that America ing had contributed t day's 20p price rise shares fell 10p to 529p.

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There is also concer British Airway's alliance with American Airlines may not proceed as smoothly as expected and that USAir is moving through the US courts to severe its ties with BA.

In the drugs sector, Zeneca's shares hit 1451p, up 13p, amid speculation that the company is the target of a friendly merger approach from SmithKline Beecham, which added 4p to 719p. Brokers were also bullish about the company's interim results. Zeneca is expected to unveil double-digit earnings growth, led by improvements in agrochemicals.

A nine-for-one stock split was good news for British failed to meet its offer price of £20.50. The shares advanced 13.5p to 23lp. Among other biotechnology issues, Celltech firmed 27p to 53Sp and Chiroscience was up op at

On the Alternative Investment Market, Network Technology, which started trading last week, consolidated its gains by adding 21p to close at 164p. The gains followed re-ports that brokers expect the shares to hit 200p.

GILT-EDGED: The day

started on a slow note, with prices edging downwards ahead of the industrial production data. When the numbers arrived, they were weaker than expected, helping the Treasury 8 per cent 2000 to advance £332 to £103916. At the long end, the Treasury 8 per cent 2015 added £532 to £9932 while in the futures pits the September long gilt gained E⁵32 to £108 with 21,000 contracts completed.

□ NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street were marginally stronger after last week's rally and by midday the Dow Jones industrial average was ahead by 7.40 points at 5,687.23.

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Better than it sounds

THE trouble with HSBC Holdings is that it even sounds like a conglomerate. Banks should have solid, conservative and sensible names like Midland or National Westminster. Acronyms bring to mind depressing thoughts of BTR or BET, comparisons that do injustice to a company that boasts a return on equity exceeding 30 per cent and yesterday

delivered half-year profits growth of a third. Unfortunately, the market is suspicious and gives HSBC insufficient credit for its astonishing performance. Part of the problem may be a hiccup in 1994 when the bank's proprietary traders lost a bundle in bonds. More problematic is the bank's exposure to Hong Kong. HSBC's banking arms in the Colony are earning huge margins on mortgage business - double the rates that might prevail in the UK. Some of the gain is due to

the unusually low cost of wholesale funds. Hong Kong is an island of big savers and HSBC's banks are regarded as a secure place to deposit cash for people who may have an eye on the door marked exit or at least prefer to deal with banks that do not share

information with party officials. The Hong Kong factor may depress
HSBC's rating but it also explains the
strength of the bank, which is massively underlent. It gives the organisation an enviable cost/income ratio (huge margins in Hong Kong and lack of a redundant portfolio of bank branches) and explains why HSBC could fund the development of First Direct in the UK. The conglomeration of financial services in the UK and Asia has been good for HSBC. Even better are promises that it has no plans to squander capital on expensive bids.

Commercial property

A SENSE of déjà vu pervades yesterday's hig property deal at Sea Containers House. No matter that the investments appear to be hopelessly exerowth: the attraction is the income and the secure covenant from the tenant. The mysterious buyers of Sea Containers House will have to wait for rental growth - were the building to be let today it might fetch £17 per square foot, about half the current income. However that is not a concern if long-term gilt

yields are below 8 per cent. The idea is to borrow heavily against the secure rental income - in this case guaranteed by Sea Containers (a intial company) and HM Customs and Excise (the other tenant). An investment yield approaching 9 per cent

means that the buyers should be able to cover the cost of financing the deal substantially with debt leaving their equity highly geared to any movement in capital values. Surveyors were stitching

together dozens of such deals three or four years ago, mainly with German funds like DGI, which snapped up

the Land Securities building in Knightsbridge. When Britain left the ERM and sterling plummeted, British property seemed cheap to foreigners. It still looks cheap to patient money, but if property shares are on the rise it has more to do with relief that companies like Land Sec can find buyers for ex-growth assets.

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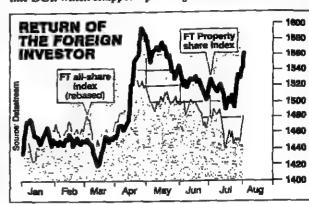
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British Airways

POLITICIANS seeking reelection brought you the soundbite. Company directors with their eyes on a better share price have adopted the "big number". The big number is useful because it is impressive but meaningless - and British Airways used it to perfection three months ago when it announced a target of \$1 billion of "business enhancements".

For an airline with some £7 billion of costs, removal of £l billion would indeed be impressive. But it quickly be-came clear that BA's bosses were not to be drawn into the vulgar detail of spelling out what they mean by business enhancements. That might excite the airline unions, who are a little jumpy these days, but more problematic, the shareholders might be able

cate that costs were on the rise while core business profits were up only £1 million to £195 million, Indeed, most of the growth seemed to come from a reduction in losses at TAT, the French operation. BA was quick to explain that the weak profit growth was because of currency fluctuations and higher fuel costs, but overall costs have been steadily rising.

Perhaps that is what enhancement really means.

Allders

TALKS between Aliders and Peter Green about buying some of his Owen Owen department store chain have an air of desperation about them. Allders has been sitting on £100 million of cash since it to Swissair earlier this summer. Shareholders were last

month told to expect a "significant" return of cash, but extrimmed as Aliders wants to buy more department stores.

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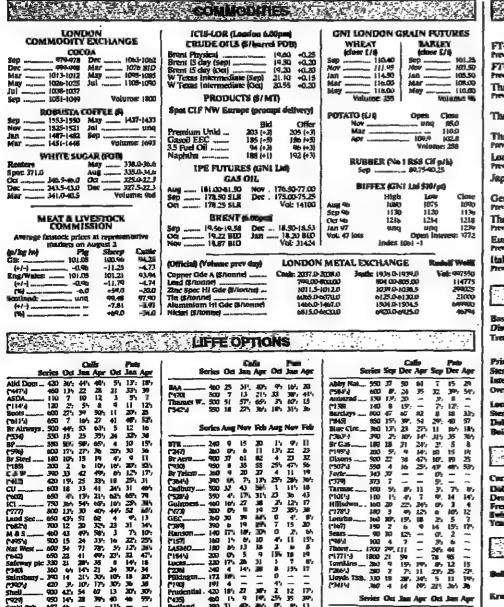
Owen Owen has, to put it kindly, a chequered past. After a disastrous move upmarket in the last recession, they were sold to Mr Green, who made his name in discount retailing, notably with What Everyone Wants.

A price of £123 million for up to eight stores may not, financially, be a bad deat: industry estimates are that turnover for all of Allders's 13 stores was E137 million last

However, a lot depends on how many and which stores make up the package, and Mr Green is not known to be a pushover when it comes to negotiating.

Without its duty-free division. Aliders has become somewhat vulnerable. Buying a few Owen Owen stores sory security of turnover, but Allders is in danger of acting on the "never mind the quality, feel the width" principle. Such deals rarely end well.

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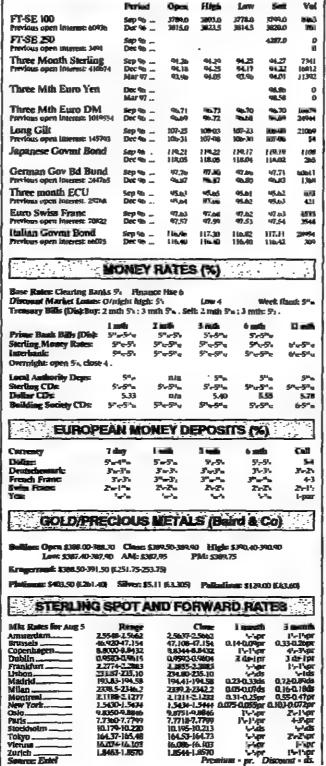
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Go to work with an egg-timer

GAVIN CASEY, the man who made his million at Smith New Court, made his debut as chief executive of the Stock Exchange yesterday. His Il-hour day included a tour of the building, lunch with John Kemp-Welch, the chairman, and meeting a myriad of new faces. But, along with a couple of pictures to hang on the walls of his new office, what most took Stock Exchange staff by surprise, was the foot-high egg-timer that Casey carried in under his arm. What some must have missed was the telling engraving — "Time is

Wrong number

IN THE long-running saga of Britain's changing telephone numbers, Don Cruickshank, the Director-General of Telecommunications, was at pains yesterday to make assurances that his new scheme would not involve callers from overseas dialling even longer numbers than they do already. From France, they will call London on 00 44 20 followed by eight digits, in-stead of 00 44 171 followed by seven digits," he said. Signs of some consumer confusion here. Callers from France will not get through at all, unless they use France's prescribed ende for international calls



Landmark dates

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AS GROUP chairman of **HSBC. Sir William Purves** naturally keeps a weather eye on the landmark Hong Kong handover date next vear. But at HSBC's results conference yesterday. Sir William was quizzed on another landmark date his 65th birthday on December 27 this year. "I note my passing birthdays, but coming so soon after Christmas my family have never noticed it," he rued. "If you, however, are talking about me hanging up colleagues tell me to go I'll

High-flyer

PETER SMITH, chairman of Coopers & his fiftieth birthday with his family in Bermuda yesterday, and musing on his next adventure. Smith, who learnt to fly during his student days at Southampton University, is takplane on September I, to wave goodbye to John Fisher, a senior partner at Coopers. Fisher is heading for a world record - he London to Sydney in a 50-year-old Tiger Moth, covering 12,000 miles in 30 days. Smith has borrowed a vintage plane to send Fisher on his way.

THE legal eagles working on the Leeds United/ Caspian case are obvious ly not George Michael fans. In fact, the egg-heads from the High Court were rather bemused by a piece of evidence submitted by Edge & Ellison. Caspian's firm of lawyers. The cryptic evidence was an internal memorandum that came under Tropicana, the deal codename for Caspian. "Club" was the codename given to Leeds United, and the bid itself was christened "Project Wham".

Peace pact with Oftel leaves BT free to talk about deals

Eric Reguly looks at the options for

unregulated

expansion

any new executive has had a more hectic and everish start than Sir Peter Bonfield, The former boss of ICL, became BT's chief executive in January and was told by Sir lain Vallance, the chairman, that his first assign-ment would be negotiating a £35 billion merger with rival Cable and Wireless.

When the talks broke down in May, he immediately found himself trying to negotiate an equally trickly deal with Oftel, the telecommunications regulator. Sir Peter and Oftel finally made their peace on Friday. In what can only be described as a victory for Oftel, BT accepted a regulatory package that will see its prices continue to drop until 2001. Oftel also managed to convince BT to accept a clause that would allow it to stop any practices it considers anticompetitive.

Although the new regulatory regime is not to BT's liking, Sir Peter is probably secretly pleased with the outcome. Rejecting the regime would have automatically triggered a monopolies inquiry, a process that would have virtually paralysed BT for no less than six months and, in all likelihood, as long as a year. For the first time since January, Sir Peter now has the freedom to make his mark on BT. What are his cotions?

If nothing else, Ofter's large-ly successful offensive has impressed on Sir Peter that the sooner he reduces BT's exposure to the highly regulated and increasingly competitive UK market, the better. BT is becoming more international - it has alliances in several European countries and owns 20 per cent of MCI, America's second largest long-distance carrier - but its domestic bulk of its income. BT's European partnerships, such as Viag InterKom in Germany and Albacom in Italy, were only recently formed and will produce little or no income for

BT, of course, will continue to develop overseas partnerships — France is the big hole in Europe — and will expand the reach of Concert, its international telecoms joint venture with MCl. BT is also thought to be holding talks with several potential partners in Japan in an effort to get on the

But none of these moves will dramatically alter BT's for-



BT will have to make a big splash somewhere soon and America looks like a good

At the very least, BT has to protect is \$4.3 billion investment in MCI. The US telecoms market has changed radically since BT bous MCI stake in 1993 and the unheaval does not necessarily work in MCI's favour. Then, MCI shared the long-distance and overseas market with AT&T and Sprint. The socalled Baby Bells, the regional phone companies that were hived off of AT&T in 1984. were shut out. The new Telecommunications Act has some a long way to break down these barriers, meaning that local carriers, cable companies and long-distance operators can compete in each other's

MCI will face pressure on two fronts. The Baby Bells are tunes. Telecoms experts think

super-regional carriers. By doing so, they hope to steal some business from MCI, AT&T and Sprint by capturing the



strike deals to get into the overess market in a report. James Ross, an analyst with House Govett, said: This

distance market and the company may require extra-funding to meet the competitive challenge which it faces." MCI has a variety of options. It may decide to buy or merge with a Baby Bell or - build its own "local loop" network. Either way, BT would have to get involved. Because it is the main outside shareholder of MCI, it would have to back MCI's move into the local market and might have to stump up much of the funds to make it possible. Another scenario involves BT. and MCI forming an alliance to enter the local market. It is thought that MCI and BT

have held talks with Nynex and Bell Assistic, the regional phone companies that receivly merged to create air eastern.

During their shopping experition, HT and MCI may run no Cable and Wireless, C&W's next more prolated to be in the US, where it is widely expected to ship with a regional phone company. Richard Brown, C&W's new

chief executive, knows the US can and spent much of his capeer with Ameritech, the regional phone company in strengthening the company's

priority". C&W might make an ideal overseas partner for any rezional carrier with internaional ambitions because it has countries. C&W's large but low-profile US company. called C&W Inc., could be put into the mix to create a transatiantic force.

The main obstacles to the rand overseas ambitions of 3T and C&W could be BT and C&W themselves. They may decide to put any big strategic moves on hold if there is any chance of resuming merger talks. The talks are officially dead, with each side privately blaming the other for their failure, but many of the executives and advisers who took part in the talks still believe that a marriage would create a world-beating force in

Many of the hurdles had already been overcome. The general ownership structure had been agreed. It would have been done through a reverse takeover, in which C&W would have become the technical owner of BT. The structure would have preserved C&W's operating licences around the world. C&W also agreed in principle to sell its 80 per cent stake in Mercury Communications to avoid a monopolies problem in the UK. 😙

Nonetheless, many obstacles remained. Valuation was a key robiem. Bi. Which argue: that C&W needed BT more than the other way round, was unwilling to value C&W shares at much of a premium. Another deal-killing obstacle was the indecision over which of the with a partner such as AT&T; companies' German alliances should be sacrificed.

The share prices of both companies rose when they confirmed that they were in merger talks, and declined when they collapsed; C&W's fell farther. Unless Sir Peter and Mr Brown can bring out the value that each of them claims is hidden in their companies, do not be surprised if they go knocking on



Power of the 'grey' pound

SMMT suggests, is because much more attuned to the requirements of older customers: cars that are automatic, have power steering, and are economical on fuel. The P-reg rush gives us

two insights. One is the increasing power of the "grey pound". The other is that most companies and advertisers have not yet woken up to it. A few findings from the TG1 Gold

survey of the het conducted by the British Market Research Bureau International gives a scale to the phenomenon. In Brit-

million are aged 50 or ever the adult population. Be-tween now and 2001, the number of over 505 is expecied to grow 12 per cent. The average income of people over 50 is ER4,047 a year - a total of £245 billion.

Saga, which has so suc-cessfully tapped the Third

Age market in holidays and

magazines, cites figures showing that households beaded by persons someone over 50 spend £124.62 per £112.64. All in all, households headed by 50-pluses spend £135 billion a year. Remember that these housewith children having flown the nest, and you get some idea of their combined spending power. Of course, it is important not to run away with the idea that our older generation is suddenly uniformly rich. As Age Con-cern says, only 1.3 per cent of people aged 65 or over are well off enough to pay tax at the highest rate and two thirds have an income too low to pay income tax at all.

Those dependent purely on

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proportion who have been been able to add to their state pension over the years have opted to take out private, usually occupationedition of Social Trends notes, recently retired pensioner units (either a single person over 65 or a couple where the husband is over state pension age) had a gross income of £220.50 a week in 1993 against £170.20 are gradually improving because of the rise in occupational pensions and will continue to do so.

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It must be one of the worst examples of misjudging one's market that many car hire firms have not been those over 70, as Eric Reid, of The Association of Retired and Persons Over Fifty points out. Nor have pensioners found it easy to get credit cards (partly a prob-lem with the 1974 Consumer Credit Act that has allowed companies to apply different erneria for mose over 701.

And insurance company discrimination against older customers means that many snapped up P-reg cars last week would not have been offered test drives. Peugeot, for example offered a 24hour test drive on its 106, but not to anyone over 75. (Other companies have done the same). Mr Reid says many of his 100,000 members were furious. As the rest of us save any spare cash to pay for our own retirements (the State surely won't), advertisers, car companies and the rest ignore the grey pound at their peril.

Rachel Bridge says the lessons from Atlanta have been noted

Sydney starts its Olympic marathon

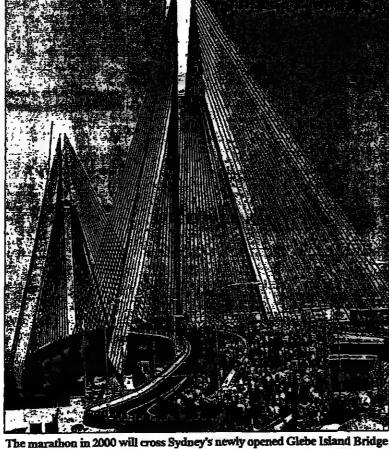
the Atlanta Games, businesses in Australia yesterday set off on a new Olympic marathon — the countdown to Sydney in four

Olympic protocol requires that a country may only begin actively marketing its own games once the previous games are over. With some A\$400 million (E201 million) of sponsorship still to find, Australia was yesterday wasting little time in getting going. Company executives and tourism officials were already nervously comparing notes on what can be done to make things work more efficiently next time round. Indeed, in a bid to avoid the

transport and security problems that besieged Atlanta - not to mention the disaster of its high-tech computer system — Sydney plans to stage a trial run of the games some nine months before the real thing takes place. Bob Carr, the Premier of New South Wales, said: "We've got to give ourselves enough time so that we can make any fine-tuning necessary before the event."

Much of the framework for the games is already in place, with some 15 sporting venues already built. But the biggest test for the Sydney Olympic committee will be making sure that it gets all the numbers right

Tourism officals, for example. have spent the past few months giving warning that the city needs a further 5,000 hotel rooms at least in order to meet demand during the games. After their observations in Atlanta, however, organisers are questioning the wisdom of building developments that will be needed for just two weeks. The fund manager of Bankers Trust Hotel Group said: "We are not sure economic condi-



The marathon in 2000 will cross Sydney's newly opened Glebe Island Bridge

for the Olympics." The organisers have also taken

note of the food requirements of the typical Olympic visitor — junk food and not quality restaurants were the order of the day in Atlanta. Michael Fischer, president of the New South are also re-evaluating their Olympic

tions justify new developments just Wales Restaurant and Catering Association, said: "I've eaten more burgers and hotdogs in the past ten days I've been here than I had before

in my whole life. My body is saying 'what are you doing to me?' Sydney's tourist industry leaders

experiences in Atlanta. These included being forced to make a lastminute change of hotel after discovering that the agent who had booked it had pocketed most of the

Indeed, the whole sobering Atlanta experience appears to have sent a community down under. There have been calls for more taxis, more policemen, a speeding up of the construction programme and even government leadership to turn the whole event into a giant trade fair to showcase Australia's talents.

ichael Knight, New South Wales Olympics Minister, yesterday diplomatically gave the Atlanta games "eight out of ten", although he too said that in the light of his experiences there, there would be some "re-ordering of priorities".

For the organising committee, the challenge is on to find ten mational sponsors prepared to stump up A\$40 million apiece for the games. The committee admits this will be no mean feat. A spokesman said: "It is by far the biggest marketing exercise ever undertaken in Australia. It's a huge, huge request in a country which has just 18 million people."

IBM, the computer group whose new computer system so enlivened the Atlanta proceedings by awarding medals to non-participants and announcing world records that turned out not to be, is already on board as a A\$50 million sponsor for the Sydney Games. It will once again be providing the key information systems for the event. It has promised to try to get a better grip on customer requirements by the time the year 2000 comes around.

Bank customers have to pay a high price for modern technology

From Geoffrey H. Lloyd

Sir, I have been arranging with my bank to repay a further instalment of the mortgage on our home. The same bank is also the mortgagee. When I received the redemption statement I was offered a choice of methods to repay the bank: first, by a process with the seemingly benign acro-nym of CHAPS (clearing house automated payment system), and secondly, by

In this (supposedly) techno logical age I considered that CHAPS was the logical option to go for: it is electronic and, therefore, fast: it removes the need for paper; the transaction was within the same bank; and the bank did not need to transfer money from an investment account to my cur-rent account to fund the

To opt for modern technology will cost me £20. To opt for the old fashioned and long. drawn out, process of cheque

clearance will cost me only a first-class stamp, 26p. I have chosen the latter.

It was explained to me that the CHAPS charge was due to increased computer time and cluding the time of the departmental manager to authorise the transaction! We have been led to believe

that more computer technology, with consequential large staff savings, was going to lead to lower costs. In turn, this was going to lead to greater efficiencies and lower charges to customers, especially if customers were prepared to co-operate over electronic transfers.

Are the banks really interested in embracing modern

Yours sincerely. GEOFFREY H. LLOYD (Management Consultant),

Longacre, 73 High Street, Little Wilbraham. Cambridge.

Investors must vote for change of auditor

From D. F. Murray Sir. With reference to articles on limited liability audit. Shareholders and investors in proposed limited liability au-dit clients are being offered accounts which the auditors consider to be unreliable.

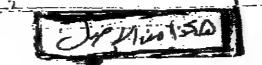
Therefore, with the assis-tance of institutions, shareholders and investors must vote for a change of auditor,

firstly for a peer review and then for the restoration of their right to published annual financial statements that are objective and reliable.

Yours sincerely, D. F. MURRAY, 3 Beaufort Court. Admirals Walk, Littlehampton.

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■ VISUAL ART 1

A love of film links the six young artists in Scream and Scream Again, the multimedia show at Moma in Oxford



■ VISUAL ART 2

Four artists preserve for posterity the original details of Bankside, future home to the Tate





VISUAL ART 3

Philip-Lorca diCorcia's pictures of Santa Monica Boulevard look like glossy stills from an unmade movie



■ TOMORROW

After 50 years of festivals, do visitors still find enough to refresh their souls in Edinburgh?

VISUAL ART: Richard Cork on six intriguing film installations at Oxford's Museum of Modern Art; plus other shows

Life and death in the glow of magic lanterns

Scream and Scream Again, the latest exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art in Oxford ought to be awash with blood and corpses, After all, the 1969 film from which this show takes its name starred Vincent Price as a mad scientist who creates a super-race of vam-

But the six young artists included in the Oxford survey are, for the most part, averse to violence. Fascinated by film, they see no point in mirroring Hollywood's shameless addic-

Not that their contributions are bland. Isaac Julien, whose Young Soul Rebels won a Cannes award five years ago, has no hesitation in immersing us in grief. Aids is the spectre lurking within Trussed, his double film projection specially commis-sloned for the show. The soundtrack accompanying it is plaintive yet restrained, dominated by a single, sustained note drawn out to a painful

Lyrical images of homosexual love-making soon give way to more disturbing scenes. focusing on a man suspended upside-down in space. Through his eyes, we see the faces of male onlookers, and the swaying rhythm gives the film an increasingly dreamlike flavour. A man in pyja-mas, confined to a wheelchair. is visited by a friend bearing flowers. Petals reappear, floating on the surface of water where a face seems to be

In the most elegiac sequence, a leather-clad white mourner carries a black man's inert body in a pose immediately reminiscent of a Renaissance Pietà. Premature death is inescapable, but Julien constantly reminds us of its links with erotic delight by moving freely between images associated with bereavement and ecstasy alike.

The whole experience is reminiscent of watching an early silent film, where the

close-up of a face or a tormented figure in order to generate

an intense, meditative mood. Liisa Roberts, the New York-based artist who has made Trap Door for this exhibition, shares the desire to slow down the expectations we normally bring to film viewing. But where Julien is openly emotional, Roberts is detached

and coldly analytical.

The triangular structure of large screens installed in her room has a sculptural presence, and she allows the

> **6** These young artists are fascinated by film 9

projectors to occupy a prominent place at its centre. Their mechanical clatter is the only sound we can hear, as three silent 16mm films are beamed on to the screens. Images of gesturing hands and naked bodies alternate with shots of landscapes, apparently glimpsed from a moving train

Public and private realms are contrasted, and sometimes interrupted by isolated words, such as "Here". They recall the use of printed dialogue and headings in silent films, but serve only to stress enigma rather than offer any explanations. The effect is fragmented. as if Roberts wants to frustrate any attempt to build up

coherent narrative. The film projected on to a fourth screen, marconed elsewhere in the room, offers no key to the work's overall meaning. Instead, the camera travels round a bronze statue of three dancing female nudes. Their intimacy, pitched against the backdrop of a park, briogs together Rob-

a single image at last. In Black and White (Babyion). Douglas Gordon takes a 1950s stripper film as his starting point, and slows it down on one screen to an almost hallucinatory extent. The generously endowed woman goes through her disrobing ritual with plenty of winks, smirks and wriggles. But she might as well be performing underwater, and her sluggish movements accentuate the absurd artifice of the whole event.

On a neighbouring, some what larger screen, the same film is projected upside-down. Unlike the inverted man in Julien's work, this gesticulat-ing figure becomes virtually abstract. She is drained of allure, and for that reason proves far less watchable than the stripper on the other screen. The latter may well be more compelling than she would seem when projected at normal speed. But her slowness here often approaches the condition of painting, and stirs memories of French 19th-century nudes from Delacroix's Odalisques to Manet's dead-

pan yet defiant Olympia. If Gordon's stripper is archaware of the male gaze, the Ďutch artist Marijke van Warmerdam turns the tables by confronting us with row her row of staring, motion-

Placing a lomm projector in the middle of her space, she shows a colour film of a crowd gathered round her in a Marrakesh marketplace. Van Warmerdam's camera moves around the circle of faces, largely those of men and boys. who all watch her intently. The motion of her lens is reenacted in the gallery, for the projector gradually revolves and carries these life-size images of the crowd round the

walls of the room. The effect is oddly mesmeric. After a while, the ranks of Moroccans begin to look predatory as they circle, endlessly and expectantly. And we, standing near the projector,

"A desire to slow down the expectations we normally bring to film viewing": part of the American Liisa Roberts's form film installation, Trap Door

find ourselves placed in the artist's position as the assembled faces seem to stare at us with voyeuristic fascination.

Sadie Benning, by contrast. trains the lens on herself. She invites us into a small, enclosed and stuffy space with viewing benches provided. The surroundings seem designed to prepare viewers for a confessional experience, and Benning does not disappoint.

Astonishingly, this preco-cious Illinois-based artist made It Wasn't Love with a toy video camera when she was only 19. Concentrating for the most part on her own face performing a variety of male and female roles, she produces the equivalent of a diary. It is supposed to record the development of her first lesbian affair, but the incessant playacting makes clear that the story is only a fantasy. Benrung uses disco and movie soundtrack music with

wry and witty briskness, heightening the impact of a work already made urgent by the starkness of the video's raw, bleached-out quality. She also intercuts, without warning, clips from 1950s Hollywood films: family "problem"

which blend uneasily with the cute lyrics of songs such as the rock'n'roll standard A Teenager in Love.

Whether brandishing an aggressive cigar or pouting at the lens, Benning is the star of her own show. But a well-developed sense of irony prevents her from descending into an outrageous display of adolescent egotism.

The most powerful contribution of all comes last. In Moma Oxford's largest gallery, Tony Oursler's System for Dramatic Feedback explores the gulf between cinematic excitement and the frustration of lonely lives. On the end wall, a film of a movie audience presides over the entire space. These faces, alternating between dimly lit obscurity and brilliant illumination exploding from the invisible screen, are enthralled. Ramming popcorn into their mouths, the people in the front row seem to bask

in communal enjoyment. The rest of Oursler's installation, though, is bitterly de-void of pleasure. In one corner, a tiny doll-like figure stands behind a video projector which beams a screaming head on to the dummy. Toanother hapless inmate sprawls on the floor, bottom stuck in the air. A videoomiected hand spanks it repeatedly, and the same kind of meaningless aggression links two larger dummies near by. One, suspended upside-down like the dangling man in Julien's film, constantly hits a neighbour's face with a fist.

Each of the people in Oursler's asylum-like arena seems doomed to repeat a futile action. They are all trapped in numbing isolation. and the mood becomes even more desolate when we encounter two white spheres hovering in space. Both of them are animated by projected images of eyes, enlarged so much that minute sequences from a TV game show can be seen mirrored in their pupils.

The gathering sense of desperation is summed up by a figure unable to do anything except rest his bloated, twitching face on the floor. Paralysed by laneliness, he gives the lie to the sensation of wellbeing savoured on the end wall by the audience in the cinema's dark and deceptive interior.

Scream and Scream Again: Film in Art. is at Moma Oxford (01865 722733) until Sept 22

AROUND THE GALLERIES

nsiders have known for some time that the photographs of Larry Clark exerted a potent influence on film-makers like Martin Scorsese and Gus Van Sant. The images of derelict youth in his first book, Tulsa (1971), were grainy blackand-white, and had a wilfully documentary air. Recently things have changed dramatically. Clark has made his own first feature film, Kids, and created a media storm with it. As the exhibition of the

same name at the Photographers' Gallery now indicates, his still images have burst into colour too. The first temptation is to say that they are less documentary than before. But that is probably a lingering prejudice connected with the idea that black-and-white is real and earnest, and colour automatically glossy and artificial. It is also the case, though, that the world of the "skateboard generation" Clark now depicts is in itself more self-conscious, better able to present itself and its own styles to the camera. The pictures in Kids, the exhibition, document quite consciously the images that the kids are knowingly manufacturing for themselves: the truth in them

may not be unvarnished, but nonetheless it is there. Clark clearly prefers to photograph good-looking lads—there are virtually no girls in this world, which, again, may well be perfectly accurate - and the results often look like trendy fashion ads. Taken in conjunction with Kids, the movie, their subtext may be truly alarming. Or they may indicate that these young people are more in control. even of their vices and addictions, than their elders dare to think possible.

The other major show at the Photographers'
Gallery also has
strong cinematic connections. Philip-Lorca diCorcia calls his latest pictures Hollywood, and they are like very glossy stills from an unmade movie. They are, he insists, fictional, even if the people who appear in them are hand-picked off Santa Monica Boulevard, and include hustlers, drifters and junkies; it is left up to us to decide (if we will)

which are which. They are photographed in carefully selected or constructed interiors, usually betokening vacuity or aridity: we are always told the basic facts about them (including how much they were paid for the session), but otherwise everything is left to our imagination. Curiously, the genesis of this series was in a funding condition that diCorcia's next work was guaranteed not to be obscene. The Photographers' Gal-

lery, 5 & 8 Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-831 1772) Clark until Aug 31, diCorcia until Sept 7

☐ Monoprints are quently perceived as per-verse and affected: why. after you have made the original painting in oils, transfer it to another piece of paper, when, as the name indicates, you end up with a unique image anyway? Few artists can give a logical answer to that, but the fascination of the textures produced by the process are undeniable. The makers of monoprints in Jill George's current show certainly all strongly evidence a compulsion to work in the medium. and produce an extraordinary variety of effects from

the same basic technique. The prints of Fraser Tay lor upstairs are brightly coloured and hover on the brink of abstraction, evoking water, architectural details and shadowy figures with consummate ease and confidence.

Downstairs it is more like

Artists of Fame and Promise: several of the most striking are still in art school or only just out. The two most distinctive, Victoria Bartlett and Alexandra d'Agnolo, are both interested in the spectral human figure. Bartlett puts her principal character. Pegdoll, in different settings, but all her prints are fantasies in very pale green-ish-grey and white, usually looking more like, say, sculptures in poured paper or fromages than any kind of transfer print. D'Agnolo's prints seem to employ a lot of burning or singeing in their creation; indeed they look most like a species of sophisticated pokerwork applied to infernal (as in Dantel conglomerations of writhing naked bodies. The mages of both are hauntingly uncomfortable.

Jill George Gallery, 38 Lexington Street, WI (0171-439 7343) until Aug 16

lotte Gibson, 27, exhibits photographs and paintings together on absolutely equal terms. The sources of inspiration, too, are the same: her ultimate fascination with the 17th-century house in which she grew up is transferred into doll's house terms, all the images deriving from arrangements of objects she has made within the spaces of a particular doll's house. This gives rise to much deliberate ambiguity of scale and perspective. Cuteness is rigorously avoided; indeed, one would probably not know that a doll's house was involved unless told. And the jug-gling with space is highly sophisticated, producing ghostly out-of-focus photographic prints and darkling intensely coloured

In "Internal State" Char-

still-lifes which raise more questions than they answer. Rocket Gallery, 13 Old Burlington Street, WI (0171-434 3043) until Oct 12

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Stark visions from the belly of an industrial dinosaur

Charlotte Mullins

on how images of Bankside power

station have been assembled

for posterity

he disused Bankside power station, due to open as the fourth branch of the Tate Gallery in the year 2000, is currently being stripped of all industrial residue. During 1995, shortly before this removal process began, four artists — Dennis Creffield, Anthony Eyton, Deanna Petherbridge and Thom-

building and work within the soaring interior, recording the soon-to-be-forgotten details of the monolithic building. Their findings, coupled with commissioned works by Catherine Yass and Terry Smith, are now on display at the South London Gallery in an exhibition called Inside

as Struth - were asked by the

Tate Gallery to enter the

Bankside. Catherine Yass entered the space this year and reveals. with her signature photographic process, the later stages of decommissioning. Inky blue light saturates the images, reversing daylight to its negative, while the rest of the image retains the clarity and detail of a positive print. With its girdered hall and vertical ribbon-windows, Bankside has been transformed in these images into the post-industrial equivalent of a cathedral, a modern-day foil for St Paul's on the



Inside Bankside power station, as seen by the German photographer Thomas Struth

opposite bank of the Thames.
Unlike the artists originally commissioned, who simply recorded the process of change, Terry Smith chose as always, to engage directly with the site, working into the walls, with his work being photographed for the exhibition by Richard Glover. By scraping plaster from interior office walls, Smith looked at the private side of the site, exploring the past life of the building through the traces of what had been left behind.

the open structure like metal cobwebs.

Of the work by artists originally commissioned, Anthony Eyton's lurid oil painting The Turbine Hall shows the (by now) standard view of the interior, from the same angle from which it is viewed by Yass. Unlike Yass's photographs, which touch on the ideology behind the transformation that is underway. Eyton records the site as is, a vibrant high-colour still from a biopic of Bankside, complete with semi-dismantled machinery and the intriciate support system - stairs, pipes, chains that once ran the length of

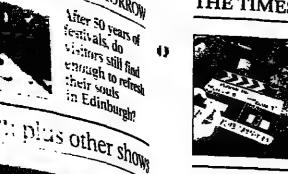
Deanna Petherbridge's careful series of six sepia watercolours take much the same line within her own preferred medium, as do the surprisingly beautiful photo-graphs by Thomas Struth. who has turned redundant machine parts into amor-

camera. Dennis Creffield's vigorous charcoal sketches depict little of the physical site, concentrating on the sense of scale and loitiness, conveyed through strong black scribbles overlaid with stronger lines pointing up, up, up.

As historic documentation

the works on show are invaluable, depicting the infrastruc-ture and machinery of the building's industrial past. Yet it is only the works commis-sioned from Yass and Smith by the South London Gallery with the London Arts Board that reveal much in the way of experimentation, originality

South London Gallery, 65
Peckham Road, London SE5
(0171-703 6120) until August 18



FILM

After years of all talk and no action, the Government looks ready to lend a hand to the UK film industry



THEATRE 1

In Dublin, an Abbey revival of Brian Friel's Translations fails to do justice to his rich text

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THEATRE 2

Companies from around the world parade their productions at an international festival in Portugal



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Leonard Slatkin
conducts an exciting
all-American
programme with
the BBC Symphony
at the Albert Hall

Hollywood GB? It could be true

Geoff Brown says the British film industry should not greet any lottery boost too warmly

magine the scene. Mystic Meg does her predictions. The coloured balls roll out the winning numbers. A muscleman in a loincloth, on loan from the Rank Organisation, strikes the gong as the television presenter shrieks the good news: "And £10 million of public money goes to Rambo versus Lawrence of Arabia, the new film from Stallone-Britannia (UK) Ltd, to be made at Pinewood with a Hollywood cast but the best British technicians and the best British sand."

Is this the future of British film financing? It could be, to judge by the mixed bag of recent news. In the year since the Government announced a scheme to fund films through the National Lottery -Downing Street's first major statement of film policy in ten years - industry observers have been quick to point to anomalies and fuzzy criteria. Then, two weeks ago, Virginia Bottomiey, holder of the Government's film purse strings. jetted to Los Angeles with a bomb in her luggage. She dropped it at the Motion Picture Association of Ameri-

ca in a speech on July 25. She wanted to make it easier, she said, for Hollywood companies to establish British offshoots to make their films, as well as co-productions. As part of the process, the Government would reexamine the legal definition of a British film company. With the legal footwork done, therefore, there would seem to be nothing to stop Sylvester Stallone establishing his company, Stallone-Britannia, putting in a funding application, and, if the gods smiled on him, making his testosterone specials at Pinewood with

No sooner had this bizarre prospect emerged than another bomb — if one of a more benign nature — exploded. Last Friday, we learnt the broad thrust of the report prepared by the National Heritage Department's advisory committee on film finance, chaired by the investment banker Peter Middleton. The 16-strong committee had been looking at ways to rejig the current lottery

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scheme and stimulate private investment in the film industry.

Most unusually, the committee's proposals were in line with several nostrums regularly touted by the industry itself. There should be tax concessions to ease film production costs and encourage foreign artists to work in Britain. (Ireland did this, and saw film investment rise 100 per cent between 1992 and 1994.) Middleton's committee also suggested that the industry move towards the old-style

6 What one government gives, another government removes 9

"vertically integrated" companies that combined the functions of a production studio, distributor and exhibitor. That way, any film that emerges from a studio would never need to fight for commercial exposure and the boxoffice receipts that followed. (The flipside to these monster companies can be put in a single word: monopoly.)

ut before our film

grandees dance in the streets, notes of caution should be struck. An advisory committee advises, but only govern-ment disposes. While we wait for the future to emerge, let us see if history teaches anything about government participa-tion in the British film industry. One thir: is dear: it is a risky business. What one government gives, another removes; and no film industry can sustain itself by leaning hard on Whitehall money. No industry, similarly, should put its faith in Hollywood. American film-makers always come to Britain, and they always leave, fuelling a cycle of boom and bust. It

happens every decade.

Even if government stays steadfast, its plans only rarely

have the desired effect. Fate plays a trick, or wily film companies take advantage of Whitehall naivety. Take the 1927 Cinematograph Films Act, which proposed to shore up an industry already struggling against American imports. The Act fixed a yearly percentage of British films which cinemas were bound to exhibit, and which producers and distributors had to offer for rental. Sounds good? You

Companies soon found ways of fulfilling the law's letter, but not its spirit. One American-owned outfit was brought to court for offering Code of the Air, a Canadianmade film whose sole British employee was its canine star, Silverstreak

The legislators' decision to determine an eligible British film by financial, not artistic, criteria encouraged some producers to spend the bare minimum. Thus the "quota quickies" were born; lowly films made in a formight that gave some employment to rising talent, but scarcely dignified the industry or supplied ammunition to fight off the Americans.

Another classic instance of

intentions backfiring was the

epic fight with the Americans over import duty in the postwar years, when Britain suf-fered a severe dollar shortage. In August 1947, Clement Attlee's Labour Government slapped a 75 per cent ad valorem tax on all incoming American films. America responded by imposing a boycott, denying Britain any new releases. Our cinemas and studios were unprepared to fill the gap. Eight months later: climbdown. The duty was withdrawn, and arrangements made for America's frozen earnings to be partly invested in quasi-British productions such as MGM's Knights of the Round Table, one of many swashbucklers made at Borehamwood. It was a move that only weakened our industry's ability to stand on its own feet. The pitfalls have continued

whenever government gave the industry direct or indirect subsidies. Here again, Attlee's Government was busy. During 1949-50, the newly estabTHE NATIONAL (6)

PRIOR THE PRIOR DESCRIPTION AND THE PRIOR DESCRIPTIO

lished National Film Finance Corporation financed films as varied as The Third Man and Old Mother Riley Headmistress. Some success here: indeed, the NFFC enjoyed wobbly government support intil 1985. But there was little success with a provision to encourage fresh talent through a company called Group 3. Most films were feeble. Producers operating without subsidies resented them, and distributors gave them a very hard ride. The scheme died after five years in

By this time a sturdier subsidy scheme was in place: the Eady Levy, named after the Treasury official who nursed it into a life that lasted until Margaret Thatcher's are fell in 1985. Eady proposed

that a percentage of box-office takings be ploughed back into a production fund. The snag was that Eady loot was parcelled out to a producer on a scale to match the producer's own box-office takings; thus the more successful a producer was, the more Eady money he or she received. The Britishness of the films in question became another problem: all sometimes Eady beneficiaries were Americans whose films were British only on paper.

Which brings the wheel round to the Government's present film scheme, organised through the National Lottery. Any company resident in Britain can apply for money through the regional arts councils. You must have other financing in place, and the project must "pro-

mote the public good" (hear that, Stallone?). You get good points, too, for employing disabled people. Applications are vetted by several committees of professionals; the arts council concerned then deliberates, and awards the money film by film (usually no more than £1 million).

Some industry complaints about the scheme have been contradictory. One person worries that, without a completion bond, some films may never be made, but they will still have lottery money locked inside them. Another suspects that the insistence that other finance be in place weights the winners towards films that would probably get made tanyway, and leaves untried talent out in the cold. The

strongest complaint, however,

concerns the difficulty of gauging the arts councils' criteria when they make their decisions film by film, and refuse funding without explanation. They don't call it a lottery for nothing.

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Still, after so many years of barren words, the spectacle of a Conservative Government lending even a palsied hand to the British film industry is something to behold. The trouble is, the film industry is not the same thing as British cinema. Judge Dredd is not Secrets & Lies. The industry—the studios, the workforce—may well find a salvation of sorts in the Hollywood-style bonanzas that fill Pinewood and Shepperton. Truly indigenous British cinema, however, must fight for life more

The humans were great but the bed was out of this world.

Kate Bassett, reviewing the company last year, evidently wrote, "Um grande salto em

You can't say fairer than

JEREMY KINGSTON

frente para a opera."

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Fun and quirky

SUNDAY brought an all-American mini-festival to the Proms, with two concerts devoted to American music. But only the second had a festive feel: Leonard Slatkin's programme with the BBC Symphony Orchestra, an exciting mixture of six works, all new to the Prems.

Slatkin's concert was centered around two concertos, if that label can be given to Copland's Organ Symphony. The piece is dominated by a demanding organ part, and Simon Preston was the brilliant soloist here. The potentially sprawling score needs a tight performance to succeed, and here the niggling Scherzo and bright silvery cascades of the convulsive finale were all disciplined. This early Copland (1924), is full of recognisable fingerprints: desolate, winding music and a Rodeo-like episode.

John Adams's Violin Concerto is equally engaging, and

London Adventist Chorale BBC SO/Slatkin Albert Hall/Radio 3

demands the almost unbroken virtuosity that it receives from the soloist Ernst Kovacic. It is mechanical in places, but far removed from rigld minimalism. In the first movement the violinist spins flights of fancy over a murmuring accompaniment. The composer conjures up a haunting dream-scape in the slow, central Chaconne, and another repetitive Baroque form is recycled in the frenetic Toccare.

Ives was featured at the start. First came his irreverent Variations on America (aka God save the Queen), originally an organ piece but here orchestrated by William Schuman; then two reconstructions by Gunther Schuller of Ives's sketches for The General Slocum and The Yale-Princeton Football Game. The BBCSO was augmented by big-band instruments for Duke Ellington's Harlem. With Slatkin swinging it, this tightly-packed tone poem brought the concert to an exhibarating end.

concert to an exhilarating end.

Alas, exhilaration was what the London Adventist Chorale's afternoon concert lacked. Two items on the unvaried programme gave the choir little chance to shine: excerpts from Randall Thompson's cantata The Peaceable Kingdom, written in 1936, and Shelton H. Kilby III's turgid Who Has Set Thy Glory, receiving its premiere. The choir's wonderfully sonorous sound, the rhythmic punch of its lower voices and controlled soft singing were better revealed in the spirituals that made up the rest of the

JOHN ALLISON

THEATRE: Cartographers divide and rule in Dublin; priapic monks meet star-crossed lovers and shameless bedfellows in Portugal Man makers The town of Almada stands across the straits of the River Tagus from Acts of the World unite an astonishing elastic bed honeycombed with secret

Map makers lose their way

REVISIONIST views of Brian Friel's Translations have tended to paint the play as a brazen piece of anti-colonial propaganda, with the playwright blithely distorting the facts for political impact.

While that view offers something of a balance to the adulation with which the original 1980 Field Day production was received. Friel's frighteningly allusive assessment of the psychic impact of making maps remains a rich and fascinating text.

When a group of British sappers come to Friel's imaginary land of Ballybeg to make a new map of the lands thereabouts, they are greeted with varying degrees of hostility and incomprehension by the locals.

Maire (Ali White) is attracted to the aristocratic glamour of a British officer, and Hugh (Kenneth Haigh), the local classicist, speaks civilly to the interlopers, but off stage all is hostility. A little girl spits at the soldiers, the mysterious Donnelly twins seem to have caused harm to another, while those schooled in ancient history barrack the invaders with classical allusions.

Face to face, the differences of language provide some useful lagging between the soldiers and the peasantry.

This linguistic buffer allows the powerfully symbolic act of map-making to fade into the background, its ominous rumblings drowned out in the deafening hum of the thatched

cottage of babel.

In the Abbey's current fuzzy production, director Robin Lefevre misses out on most of the excitement Friel finds in the dickering of languages at the colonial market. If anything, the production dimin-

Translations Abbey, Dublin

ishes Friel's intricate sets of balanced and mirrored characters.

Philip Glenister's carefully insipid and wrongheaded English officer, George, is ill matched by Lloyd Hutchinson's charismatic turncoat, Owen, while Ali White's Maire is equally befuddled by the stuttering soldier.

Kenneth Haigh and Derry Power come close to pulling off the unlikely comic double act of the poteen-soaked classical scholar and his bumpkin pupil, a man presently considering a marriage proposal from the goddess Athena.

Too often, however, characters remain distractingly insubstantial, a fairly elementary fault with this play. Friel offers so much in terms of dramatic intelligence—elaborate ideas, layered illusions, marbled irony and a flashing game of linguistic pinball—that it seems a modest demand that a director balance the verbal energy with a sense that there is something physical at stake here.

Lefevre's production offers little in this direction. Even as the characters tramp about Julian McGowan's stodgy and over-explicit set, there is little sense that linguistic conflict is just one part of a battle that also involves bodies and blood and fields and rivers.

Pace is a constant problem, but even in its moments of greatest agitation, the production remains too flat; too much like a map, and too little like a landscape.

LUKE CLANCY for two weeks, and this year

stands across the straits of the River Tagus from Lisbon, sloping up from its shipyard to a gigantic statue of Christ the King, arms outretched, on top of the hill. Lying on the route south to the Algarve, it cannot avoid being something of a dormitory town for Lisbon, but it is also that rarity in Western Europe, and in Eastern Europe, these days — a communist municipality. The red flag comes a poor second on the streets to the red-and-green national flag, but it's there all

right, proudly displaying its hammer and sickle as if the events of 1989 had never happened.

"This is a very Portuguese communism," people explain, and I am fortunately not required to distil the essence of their explanation because my reason for being here, in temperatures that hit 90 on the cool days, is the Festival Internacional de Teatro, now

in its 13th year.

The career of the festival director. Joaquim Benite, began 25 years ago when he founded an amateur group in Lisbon. The amateur sector is still a potent force in Portuguese theatre, but during the Salazar regime it offered one of the few platforms for policial and social criticism. Benite's group excited the inevitable controversies, suffered from censorship but survived until the 1974 Revolution when, in the turnooil of the times, it lost its theatre.

For a while the group performed in clubs until one happy day the municipality of Almada invited its members ower the water to present their work in the town's covered market. Eighteen years ago the group, now the Companhia de Teatro de Almada, turned the market building into a proper theatre. Five years later the first out-oftown companies were invited

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Razões e Corações: 16th-century humour undiminished

the town was host to visiting companies from Spain. France, Italy, Greece, England, not to mention others from South America, New York, Japan and Mozambique. Performances begin late in the evening and two of the venues are in the open air, marvellously warm and mysteriously free of mosquitoes.

Shakespeare). We know few of his plays over here, and knew even fewer before the Gate introduced us last winter to The Boat Plays, his eschatological trilogy in which angel and devil settle the fate of the newly dead.

The sombre tone of The

was born a century before

teriously free of mosquitoes.

Gil Vicente created Portuguese drama virtually single-handed in the early 1500s (he

Boat Plays had not prepared me for the farcical events of Razdes e Corações (Reasons and Hearts), two Vicente plays

of love, presented by the host theatre in a production that frequently tours to schools. It is impossible to imagine that in this country such a production could include a giant phallus as the set, or a monk (or anyone!) whose trouble-some member goes up and down depending on who is talking to him. The plays were continuously funny.

Lisbon's Teatro Meridional,

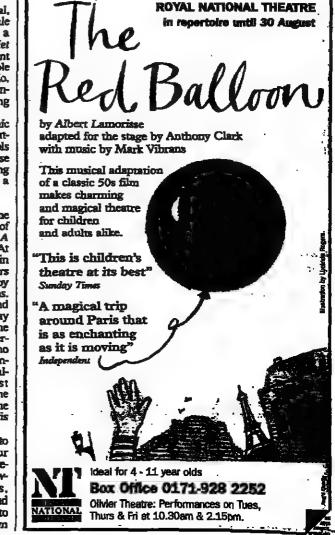
with a cast of three male actors, performed Romeu, a version of Romeo and Juliet told exclusively from the point of view of Romeo and a couple of his friends (Benvolio, Mercutio) with occasional interference from two doddering friars.

The main thrust was comic

but the characters were isolated, singly or in pairs, in pools of light upon an otherwise totally black stage, stepping into view like figures from a dream.

a tempestuous tale of multiple infidelity. A Noite Somos Todos Primos (At Night We Are All Cousins), in which all the discovered lovers attempt to avoid retribution by claiming they are just cousins. Soon everyone is a cousin and I must admit to losing my way almost immediately in the ramifying false families. Performances by the Gungulinho company from Maputo combined argumentative naturalism with surrealist imagination, notably in the abattoir scenes in which one actor, playing a carcass, is vividly slaughtered.

I am patriotically pleased to report that Shameless by our own Opera Circus was received with shouts of approval. Four actor-singers, accompanied by a proud planist, sang a warning tale to the music of many well-known





IN BY JEEVES: Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayekbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse heroes: first attempted 20 years ago, now entirely revised Dute of York's, St Martin's Large, W/ 10121-836 5120. Martin's St 7,485-cm.

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THE DECAMERON A MINCHON

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same denotor and actor (Mintel Maniuthu, Marcel Juries), language will be no bor to a powniful experience Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404) Then Tue-Sel, 8pm Last week until August 10

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NEW RELEASES

BLOOD SMIFLE (18) Welcome re-of the Cosn brothers' debut faulum, made in 1983, a film noir homage made with cold-blooded verve. With

John Getz and Francis McDormand

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Renot's 1939 masterpiece, a wonderful portrait of French society. With Marcel Dallo and Nore Gregor. Illustrated Studies (0181-748 3354)

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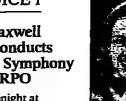
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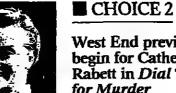
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Peter Maxwell **Davies conducts** his Sixth Symphony with the RPO VENUE: Tonight at





Boumonville completes the programme international Contro (leaved become office 01423 565 757) Tonight, 8pm.

BOUTHAMPTON: Tiolers are relling last for the award-winning West End production of the speciacular Gerstwin musical Crazy for You. Tim Rawn stars in this romantic correctly, set in the 1930s, featuring lunes such as I Got Rhydrin and Someone to Watch Over

Rhythm and Someone to Watch Over Me Directed by Mike Ocksent, who also ted Me and My Get. orrected we and wy ear. Mayflower, Commercial Road (01703 711 811) Opens tonight, 7 30pm Then Mon-Sat, 7 30pm mats Wed and Sat,

2.30pm Until August 31 (5)

LONDON GALLERIES

TWO BOYS IN A BED ON A DOLD

WINTER'S MIGHT: Jerren Edward Barker's Off-Broedway play about the dynamics of the one-night stand Arts, Great Newport St. WC2 (0171-836 3334) Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sal 7pm and 9pm. Unit September 7.

Patricia Boyer and Tobias Burns in a stage adaptation of this remarkable 1890 novel by Charlotte Perkins Gilmer

tracing a wile's journey into medities. Directed by Judith Roberts. Harry End, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (0171-794 0022) Tus-Sat, Spm;

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West End previews begin for Catherine Rabett in Dial 'M' for Murder VENUE: Tonight at the





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■ CHOICE 3 Tim Flavin stars

in the Gershwin musical comedy Crazy for You VENUE: Tonight at the Mayflower, Southampton



MUSIC

Mikhail Pletnev wanted his own orchestra, so he founded one. Now he is bringing it to the Proms

Conductor Mikhail Pletnev tells John Allison about musical life in new Russia

He knows the score

night. The scene is the Great Hall of the Conservatory, one of the most hallowed spaces in the musical world. Mikhail Pletnev and his Russian National Orchestra are recording Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony, completing a cycle of the composer's

symphonies soon to be released. Late at night, when concerts have finished and there is little traffic on the rutted roads outside, the hall - with its warm and vibrant acoustics - makes an ideal recording venue. The session will continue until 3am, but nobody in this hard-working orchestra seems to mind: it is a private organisation with no ties to the state, and the energetic enthusiasm of its musicians contrasts starkly with everyday Russian attitudes. Stepping out into the night, I am immediately brought back to reality: floodlit, deserted Moscow gives the impression of a fairy tale gone horribly

In a country where apathy has spread even to concert audiences. attending a Russian National Orchestra performance is like going back into the past. Queues for tickets and full houses are regular occurrences, and the audiences - always including more children than in the West - listen intently, taking in every note. There is no need for Pletney, an aristocratic, reserved conductor, to play to the gallery. Except that surprisingly few children attend the Proms, conditions ought to be familiar to him this week when he brings his orchestra to the Albert Hall.

Even with a powerful board of directors and major American sponsorship, the orchestra, which Pletnev founded in 1990, is very much his. But does Russia need another orchestra? "I didn't ask myself if there was this need. It was 'my' orchestra. If you are going to become a planist you don't worry about whether the country needs another planist, you just play the

Most of Pletnev's views have this dispassionate clarity the is not a man of unnecessary words), but here he elaborates: "Of course I had worked, and still work, with other orchestras, but it's not the same. You have to divide conductors into those who work as guests and those who have their own orchestras. With your own, you are building up a sound, thinking about a strategy — that's what's difficult, it requires experience of life. But once you get there you can really show what you feel about music." Until perestroika opened up oppor-tunities, such a venture would have

been impossible even for Pletnev,

already famous at home and abroad as

a planist in the great Russian tradition.

All the orchestras were state-owned, their conductors were nominated by by Pletney from the the government, and Pletnev was not a front desks of other member of the Communist Party. But orchestras. With such players. although the collapse of the Soviet Union made things possible, Pletnev is now competing in a very tough world, with formerly state-sponsored orches-tras fighting for survival. But, "not a single one has closed down. In fact, they've multiplied like mushrooms. I have no idea what keeps them going, although touring helps. Most of them are boring, they exist in a country that has no brains. Such a rich country could have had a good economy, but

Russian. I can learn from any conductor, even the worst ones - it's sometimes more important to know how not to do bad things. But my greatest idol is Rachmaninov: he was a

genius, equal to Mozart. Some people might not agree, but I don't care." Not yet 40, Pletnev is in demand an exclusive record-

ing contract with Deutsche Grammophon, and both live and on disc he has shown himself to be equally at home in a wide range of piano and orchestral repertory. (Unlike many of his compatriots, he is not sought mainly for

his interpretations of Russian music - his playing of Scarlatti that performers know the composition process. Performance is about recreating music, you have to feel you

are the composer." For a composer, Pletnev shows an unexpected lack of empathy with contemporary music, "Russian people are very sentimental, emotional and and mode often touch these feelings. Interesting ideas are all very well, but they're too cool and objective to feed the Russian soul." This week's programmes mix Mozart and Haydn with 20th-century Russian music - Lyadov, Prokofiev, Shostakovich and Schnittke - but even about Schnittke, Pletney is unenthusiastic. Unlike others, he does not see him as the inheritor of Shostakovich's

"He's written some good pieces, but they're not very attractive to me. Shostakovich's music has a very intense inner power, Schninke's has theatrical power and effects, but no inner continuity. Schnittke writes pastiche. Shostakovich and Prokofiev wrote their own music. I think they were the last great Russian composers. Maybe I'm wrong - I'd love to be

 Mikhail Pletnev conducts the Russian National Orchestra at the Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (0171-589)

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LONDON TODAY'S CHOICE BBC PROMS 96. Sir Peter Maxwell Davies conducts the Royal Philinermonic Orchestra in the London premiere of his Soth Symphony

A daily guide to arts complied by Gillan Maxey

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ethingulated i Traverse Thereing presents the first of two productions on its even of time Fectival. The Architect, last writer's runaway success returns: Alexander Morion in the title role of David Greig's play exposing the human cost of modern architecture. Directed by Philip Howard, the company's incoming Artistic Director Traverses, Cambridge Street (0131-228 1404), in preview lonight, 7pm, and terronow 8pm. Opens Aug 9, 2pm FUNNY 'CHOSS THE MERSEY: Gent and the Pacernakers, singing the story of, yes, Gerry and the Pacernakers, who had their first No 1 hit one month baloss this Blastles bations this Beastes Lyric. Shatlesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) Previews begin torlight Opens Aug 12, 7pm Then Mon-Fn, Apm, Set, & 15pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Set, 5pm. Until September 7 HAFIROGATE: An outstanding IMPRING HANKOGATE: An outstanding awning of dance in the company of Peter Schauftune and Primitis Feeding extracts from Sir Frederick Astricos's production of Rames and Julier and scenes from Sichaufuss's new full-length ballet, Harrist, making its British premiere Choreography by the celebrated 19th-century Dane August ELSEWHERE CANCHESTEN Hamil Wales in the Min role of Ream's Health Califor The

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☐ Silts BEHAVING: The 3 singers from Ain't Misbehavin' — Debby Bishop. Dawn Hope. Melanle E. Marshall — In a programme of tave jazz and blue in a programme of tave jazz and blue. Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NWS (0171-328 1000). Now previewing, Tue-Sat (not Aug 9), 10pm; from Aug 12, 8pm. Opens Aug 14, 7pm THEATRE GUIDE

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☐ THE ODD COUPLE: Jack Klugmen and Tony Randali in an enjoyable revival of Neil Smont's cornedy Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) Mon-Frt, Sprt, Set 8 15pm; mals Thurs, 3pm, and Sat. 5pm (5)

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THE RED BALLOON, Anthony ☐ THE RED SALLOON, Americany Clark's skills and enchanting stage testion of the 1950d French film. Fix in Murchaon creates a lovely set.

National Theorie (Dinner), South Bank, SE 1 (0171-928 2252). Today, 10 30am and 2.15pm. in rep

A SMALL WORLD Road Res directs a new Musiapina Metura's play, set in a Brooklyn ber where a couple from Trandad remember their issuens.

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cost of accommodation has spiralled. and air fares have become too expensive. But it is "national" in the sense that it boasts some of the best players in Russia. A large proportion have been members since the start, many poached

it is not surprising that the orchestral sound has a special refinement, while remaining unmistakably Russian. "The tone of a Russian orchestra comes from its strings," Pletnev says. "The strings are always very full, very powerful — ideal for Russian music and, if conducted the right way they can be good in anything, especially Beethoven. I don't care about traditions, but since I'm Russian I will

6 I can learn from any conductor, even the

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sonatas, for example, is unrivalled.) He also devotes time to composition, and in a thinly veiled attack on some of his colleagues says: "If you cannot compose, as a performer you can only become a great name but not a great musician. All great composers were performers, all great performers were composers; it's one thing. It doesn't matter how much they composed, if the pieces were published, or even if they

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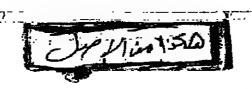
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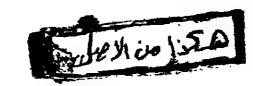
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The mother of James said that the lastest decision was "disgusting". The judgment of Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, emphasised that the proper punishment in any case should not be influenced by campaigns outside the legal

Jon Venables and Robert Thompson were sentenced in November 1993 to be detained at Her Majesty's pleasure with a recommended tariff of eight years, a sentence that was increased to ten years by the Lord Chief Justice, and then to 15 years by Michael Howard. The Home Secretary appeared to have been influenced by a newspaper campaign (with large-scale public support) to raise the prison sentence, and the Court of Appeal stated that that could amount to "an interference with the administration of justice".

Children are treated in a very different way from adults in most aspects of life. Yet the way young children can be treated by the criminal justice system is, for many, highly inappropriate. A light that could be used in the darkness of some terrible event to shine on and incriminate parents, or a wider social failure, is shone instead on a deeply disturbed or pathological child as the focus of all evil.

Recently several harrowing cases have raised the issue of how society and the legal system should respond to children who commit crimes. In June a 14-year-old boy from Coventry was jailed for 20 years for a vicious hammer attack on a woman who had made sexual advances towards him.

In the same month an 11year-old boy who was found guilty of killing a pensioner by toppling a concrete slab from a height of 12 storeys onto her head was sent home under a three-year supervision order. He was said by witnesses to when told by friends that someone had been hit.

A growing moral panic has been heightened by other developments. Last December the London headmaster Philip Lawrence was knifed to death outside his school after approaching a group of young people. In June a gang of youths walked into another nearby school and attacked pupils preparing to sit a GCSE exam with bottles and knives. in July a 13-year-old boy was charged with the murder of



The innocent at play: children under ten in England and Wales are regarded as incapable of committing serious wrong

Jade Matthews, the nine-yearold girl found battered to death in Bootle, Merseyside, and the Shadow Home Secretary has advocated an afterdark curfew for all young children.

The minimum age of criminal responsibility is a quite arbitrary matter which most physicians, psychologists and anthropologists will readily admit has no basis in anything scientific. In the 17th century the age of presumptive criminal responsibility was

arbitrarily set by Sir Edward Coke at 14. A child below that age accused of a crime could nevertheless be convicted if the prosecution could show with strong evidence that the child in fact had "mischievous

Until 1933 children as young incapax rule, that the child ical issue it was properly a crimes if they were shown to have such discretion. The minimum age was raised by legislation to eight in 1933, and then to ten years in 1963. In Scotland, by contrast, normal criminal responsibility attaches to a child at the age of

Today, therefore, a child under ten in England and Wales is regarded as doll incapax fincapable of committing serious wrong). A case can proceed against someone aged between ten and 14 provided

that the prosecution can prove that the child knew that what he was doing was seriously wrong. Such proof must come from evidence other than that for the act in question.

In 1994 an adventurous Divisional Court dismissed the appeal of a Merseyside boy who had been 12 years old when convicted of the attempted theft of a motorcycle. The defence argued that the prose-cution had failed to prove, in accordance with the doll

The way young children can be treated by the law is, for many, highly inappropriate

> Knew that what he wa was seriously wrong. Mr Justice Mann said that the rule should no longer be part of the law because the prosecution was required to prove moral responsibility al-

though it was moral irresponsibility that led to the crime. The rule arose to save children from being hanged and other severe punishments in an age when there was a very uneven delivery of education and

Now that there is universal compulsory education, and a

range of non-custodial disposan unwarranted moral panic. als and treatments, it is ar-Criminal statistics released by the Home Office last month gued, there is no need for the rule. Professor Gianville Wilshow that there has been a fall liams has argued that the both in the absolute number "knowledge of wrong" test and the rate (per 100,000) of ten to 13-year-olds who comstands in the way not of punishment but of educational mit notifiable offences. About 43,600 children in this age range were found guilty of treatment. "It saves the child not from prison, transportacrimes (largely property of-fences like theft), or cautioned, tion, or the gallows, but from the probation officer, the foster parent, or the approved or dealt with by other means

The paradoxical result is, he fallen 10 34,200. In the Court of Appeal last says, that "the more warped the child's week, Lord Woolf and his colleagues accepted that retrimoral standards, the button should play a part in the sentencing of juveniles like Venables and Thompson who are over the age of criminal safer he is from the correctional treatment of the criminal law". Last year the House of responsibility. Retribution against children, however, is a Lords reinstated the rule as part of English law, arguing that as the rule was such a highly contestable form of vexed social and polit-

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Mauritius has been described as a tropical paradise, with its miles of white sandy beaches and coral-fringed lagoons. It also consists, however, of an conglomeration of races speaking more than 20 languages between them. The Indians, Africans, Chinese and Europeans who make up this polyglot community of some 1.2 million people live together in remarkable amity and acceptance
- bolstered by a rule of law which stems from its old colonial occupiers, France and Britain.

It is an extraordinarily friendly place which has a lot to teach outsiders if they have the wit to learn. Imagine a society where going to see the magistrate may be a sol-ution in itself. Imagine a society

where the magistrate sets aside the first hour of court time to enable petitioners to come and talk about their problems. These can range from matrimonial upsets to arguments between neighbours; from complaints about the police to anxieties about recalcitrant children. These are not people who

have started legal proceedings. They are petitioners hoping for advice and help which they hope will be sensible and constructive. And what's more, they don't have to pay for it.
The magistrate, in effect,

behaves like a cross between the Citizens Advice Bureau and a district commissioner. As one magistrate

put it: "I have been described as a grand sheriff." There are ten such "sheriffs" working in the district courts of Mauritius, the equivalent of our magistrates' courts. I was amazed not only at the speed of the proceedings but at the kindly common sense of the senior district magistrate himself. Trained at the English Bar, he was both an

excellent lawyer and a person who understood the problems of the people appearing before him. To one mother who asked him to take her daughter away because she was impossible to cope with, he replied that with five children himself he hadn't got room at home. He would look into the problem. He

arranged for a report to be produced from the probation service, which operates like our social services. As a result the girl was sent to the probation home for girls for a year. It may sound excessive, but it worked: both mother and daughter were satisfied.

The law in Maurithus is an amalgam of a decline in the use of custody.

French and English law, As far as evidence in the use of custody.

English law while the substantive law is French, English Common Law fills any gaps and the Mauritan statutes are based on the English ones. In such a polyglot society it seems to work extremely well

Nonetheless, the duties of the magistrates seem far more onerous than in this country. They deal with a mixture of civil and criminal cases, judicial inquiries and sometimes wear a coroner's hat as well. The people appearing before them will usually speak creole — a kind of pidgin French. Yet the magistrates have to write everything down in English, translating

as they go along.

After hearing a mixture of cases we djourned to the magistrate's chambers for the juvenile hearings, which are held in camera. There are no specially trained juvenile justices: the district magistrate hears all the cases. In a case where a boy had admitted stealing his stepmother's video recorder in order to hire it out to friends, the magistrate commended his en-

trepreneurial attitude, but told him that since it wasn't his to hire out he would have to pay a fine of 100 rupees - about £4. "If the stepmother had come to court to give the boy support I might have considered an absolute discharge, he said. This commonsense approach and dislike of punitive sentencing is the prevailing attitude on the

Capital punishment was abolished only last year and, although sentences can be lengthy — particularly for drug traffickers — possession of a small amount of a drug can carry a conditional discharge. However, it can become a real threat if the person fails to be of

good behaviour. In one case a man said that he would rather go to jail than give a surety and report to the police three times a day. wanted him to stay and support his family." said the magistrate. "I know that sentencing a person sentences all those around him. It is far more important for a magistrate to be a person who understands what life is about than a lawyer who merely knows the law."

He of course is the magistrate who would like to see lay justices introduced to Maurithus. They are usually older than the stipendiaries and have more tolerance with their greater experience of life. Such a system would be very good for us."

Nonetheless, the mixture of common sense and non-punitive attitudes in the courts has not resulted in a rise in crime. Crimes in the 11 to 17 age group dropped by well over a third between 1985 and 1994. The decline in reported offences among juveniles between 1981 and 1991 also went hand-in-hand with a

and procedure are concerned it is based on . The author is an Inner London magistrate.

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Legal golfer struck lucky

THE QUEEN'S guests may have been rushed to hospital recently after being struck by lightning, but Denis Reed, director of legal personnel at the London firm Stephenson Harwood, is made of sterner stuff. He was struck while playing golf at Stonyhill Golf Club in Essex "Someone said they could see sparks flying from the top of my umbrella. A very powerful shock passed down my left side."

But far from going to hospital he went on to score par at the next four holes. "My colleagues all want to touch the corner of my jacket as I pass," he jokes.

Red, not flush

confident former Law Society vice president, has confessed that he used to be something of a shrinking violet when came to discussing fees with his clients. Mr Sayer, who is to be the society's deputy trea-surer, advises readers of Legal Abacus, the journal of the Institute of Legal Cashiers and Administrators, that they would do solicitors a favour by taking over billing. "It



relieves them of something which many of them find embarrassing," he writes. "It is this embarrassment which prevents solicitors from being willing to discuss their fees with clients in advance. I used to share it. It is a mistake."

Show starters

negotiated with a consortium of 47 banks in helping Apollo Leisure to buy the Lyceum lease from Brent Walker. Then came complex negotiations for Apollo with Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Theatre Company to bring the multi-millionaire showman's production of Jesus Christ Superstar to reopen the theatre. More deals are in the pipeline, says Edge & Ellison.

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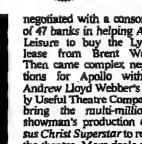
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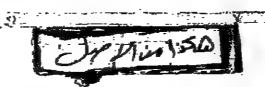
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New proposals to streamline civil justice may actually increase costs, Michael Zander believes

Woolf report in sheep's clothing

ord Woolf's far-reaching plans for reform of the civil justice system have been widely welcomed -- acclaimed would be more apt. Approval has come not only from the media, from consumer organisations and the Lord Chancellor, from the legal profession, but also from the legal profession, whose members will suffer finan-cially from some of the recommendations. (One has heard the sound

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of teeth being gritted.)
To come forward with serious reservations about Lord Woolf's plans is therefore foolhardy. Woolf, after all, represents current political correctness. Nobody was ever especially glad to hear from Cassandra: obviously, one will be ignored. Woolf is doomed to be implemented.

How could one be against the notion that a revolution is needed to bring down the cost, length and complexity of legal proceedings? Is it not churlish to decry Lord Woolf's seemingly admirable plans for the court to act as case-load manager, chivvying the parties to resolve their disputes cheaply and quickly?

One concern that has been widely voiced is that for the reforms to work substantial additional resources in the form, for instance, of extra judges and computer systems will be needed. It will be difficult, if not impossible, to wrest new re-sources from the Treasury on a sufficient scale to make the reforms viable. Even if the resources needed are forthcoming, I believe that the Woolf package will create more problems than it solves.

The main innovations concern so-called fast-track cases (£3,000 to £10,000) and multi-track cases (more than E10,000). For fast-track cases the objective is to reduce costs by having a streamlined procedure including an abbreviated trial, normally restricted to three hours.

within 20 to 30 weeks. Although the proposed streamlined procedure is designed to reduce costs, it will load new costs on all fast-track cases in which a defence is issued. The overwhelming majority of these cases would be settled anyway, so the new procedure will add to, rather than subtract from costs. Lord Woolf

settled will progress more quickly and cheaply, but there is no evidence for this and I do not believe his view to be correct.

In cases in which the parties go to court the abbreviated trial and the (probably too low) ceiling on fees payable to lawyers will reduce the quality of justice for the litigant, and especially for individual litigants against the big battalions, such as corporations.

Lord Woolf wants his reforms to create a more level playing field between litigants. But the effect of this reform will be to deny individual lingants in proceedings against, say, insurance companies the bene-fit of the full range of lawyers' work

to establish liability, and its extent, The claimant normally wins and the other side then pays his costs. If the insurance company can only be made to pay a fixed and fairly low fee for the winner's costs, the lawyer may not be able to recover from the insurance company what

THE PLEEDRING AT A GLANCE

Lord Woolf made the following recommendations

☐ Litigation divided into fast-track cases (£3,000 to £10,000) and multi-track cases (more than £10,000). ☐ Fast-track cases will be subject to a streamlined procedure including an abbreviated trial, normally restricted to three hours,

within 20 to 30 weeks. ☐ Sanctions to be imposed by judges in cases where lawyers fail to meet strict deadlines. Lawyers must make a

precise pleading in a statement of case. ☐ Judges given discretionary powers to allocate the burden of costs at the end of the case by reference to the conduct of

means either that the work will not be done or that it will be done and the client will have to pay for it out of his damages. Either way justice will not have been served.

For most individual litigants, it seems that the feeling that they have had a fair hearing is even more important than reducing delay and cost. Many litigants will feel that the short, sharp trial usually limited to half a day, with restricted oral evidence, does not allow justice to be done or to be seen

In multi-track cases, the main concern is that the new system of Woolf-style court management will too often have exactly the opposite effect to that intended. It is designed to reduce costs and to knock the ease into shape for the trial, if there is one. In cases that would have been settled early anyway, the extra costs for both the system and the litigant incurred through case management will be wasted.

For cases that go to trial, empirical studies suggest that court management tends to result in cases being more complex and taking longer.

t is difficult to share the belief that the judges will take to the required culture change — for instance by applying the firm sanctions that Woolf envisages for non-compliance with the new rigid timetabling required by court management. If the judges did impose severe sanctions for the inevitable failures by the lawyers to comply with deadlines, it will usually be the litigants rather than the lawyers who will be penalised.

The Woolf report is equally implausible in its insistence that lawyers should be precise in their pleadings (to be known as statements of case). Effective monitoring of this would call for immense court resources completely out of proportion to the value of the exercise. The call for a new ethos of co-

operation between litigation lawyers in the way they conduct litigation is another recommendation that seems as likely to succeed as spitting in the wind.

Most problematic of all are the

Lord Woolf his plans have been praised, but will they work?

immense and unprecedented new discretionary powers to be given at every point to the judges - for instance to allocate the burden of costs at the end of the case, by reference to the conduct of the parties. The more discretion the udges wield, the greater the scope for inconsistency toward litigants.

Lord Woolf says that court management should be effective and consistent. It is predictable that instead it will be ineffective and inconsistent. The absurdity is that while "everyone knows" that the system is in crisis and that "something must be done about it" there is no proper empirical evidence to document the nature or extent of the problems. Woolf-style reforms have been tried in the United States but again there is no empirical evidence that they are an

Lord Woolf has called for proper

monitoring of the implementation of his reforms but the Lord Chancellor's Department has a deplorable record of introducing reforms and then neglecting to monitor the results. One certainly cannot be confident that proper research will be done.

The Woolf reforms will not work without a significant culture change from those who operate the system at the grassroots level, especially from ordinary solicitors. district and circuit judges - and their clerks. Given even the most favourable circumstances, achieving such a culture change poses almost insuperable problems. The Walls of Jericho fell down at

Joshua's trumpet, but Joshua's achievement looks simple by comparison with what Lord Woolf is expecting. ● The author is Professor of Law at the London School of Economics

Why the Yanks are coming over here

London law firms are chasing after top American lawyers, says Catrin Griffiths

A the only poachers in town.

Proof that the traffic between Wall Street and the City is not one way came last week when, after a long period of hesitation, Preshfields finally netted a bigname American partner: Tom Joyce, former head of Shearman & Sterling's London office.

Mr Joyce, aged 56, a senior figure with a strong record in European privatisation work, will join Freshfields on September 1. Freshfields also appointed Kent Rowey, Perkins Cole project fr nance partner, as its first American partner in London, in early July. One reason Freshfields has decided to hire Americans is that it is

probably the least active of its immediate competitors in global equity offerings, which usually in-volve sales of securities into the United

Mr Joyce says: "I'll be working to create a dual capability within the capital raising area, so that if there's a US law element we can advise." Similarly, projects are financed under either US or UK law, so the addition of Mr Rowey allows Freshfields to offer its

clients one-stop shopping in two

Tom Joyce: poached

key areas. Anthony Saiz, Freshfields' senior partner, says: "We used to try to do priches for jobs working with a variety of US firms and seek to market an integrated team, but at the end of the day, clients just seemed to prefer to go to one firm."
Freshfields' decisive act comes

not a moment too soon. Despite its international aspirations, it has lagged behind its closest rivals in hiring US lawyers. In London, Alien & Overy already boasts nine US lawyers; Linkiaters & Paines has four US lawyers and eight trainees; and Clifford Chance four US lawyers, rising to eight at the end of the year. Mr Salz says: "Philosophically, I'm rather against lateral hires, but we needed to be able to respond."

Maurice Allen, who left Clifford Chance a year ago to set up the

merican law firms are not London office of the US firm Weil Gotshal & Manges, and is an evangelist for the American cause, says: "This is all part of a contin-uing trend on the part of UK firms to concentrate their efforts on building up a US practice by having US lawyers in London, and not in the States. They can only genuinely compete with US firms through geographical con-

venience. Cheque books aloft, the US firms have made the running up until now - hardly surprising given the greater profitability of the Wall Street firms. Even with Mr Joyce coming in at the top of the equity ladder at Freshfields - this year he was paid £420,000, according to the forthcoming Legal Business 100 most US partners thinking of

joining a UK firm will have to contemplate a pay cut. Intriguingly, Mr Joyce also had discussions with Clifford Chance, But Freshfields, at the beginning of its US recruitment cycle, needed a frontmancum-figurehead in a way that Clifford Chance did not. "It's good for Freshfields, and good for the market." says Mich-

ael Bray, Clifford Chance finance head. Will this put a stop to the persistent speculation that Fresh-fields will be the first major City practice to merge with a Wall Street firm? If it is building a home-grown American practice, why should it suffer the pain of a fully fledged

A number of Freshfields partners - particularly the younger ones argue that a transatlantic merger is almost inevitable in the medium term. Significantly, a Freshfields briefing note makes it clear that the firm is not going to practise American law in the US.

"We would not wish to preclude our ability to merge at a later stage if we think we need to do it," says Mr Salz, who has good relations with a number of US firms, such as Davis Polk & Wardell and Simpson Thacher & Bartlett. The door is still

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he top end of the commercial legal market is enjoying a boom reminiscent of the late 1950s, and many of the best firms are now faced by

staff shortages.

To plug the gap, legal recruitment consultancies and agencies have proliferated during the last year. It is reckoned that there are now about 60 organisations active in the UK market. One of the largest City law firms says that it is approached by a new agency "at least once a

The survival of many of these new consultancies will be a test of quality. They may be able to come up with plenty of candidates and spray CVs around the City, but can they

secure placements?.

The chief problem facing all consultants is the mismatch between lawyers seeking new opportunities and vacancies available. Law firms are increasingly precise about whom they want to take on. especially at the higher levels, and would prefer not to recruit at all rather than have someone who does not fit their requirements.

The key challenge, therefore, lies in attracting the right candidates. In this respect the "brand name" is crucial. Firms such as Reuter Simpkin and Reynell which have been around the law business in one form or another for many years are at an advantage over "start-ups". It is also necessary

How to capture a top legal eagle

sources to secure and maintain a high profile. Reynell, for example, is now part of the Austin Knight group and has the muscle to build a presence on the advertising pages of magazines and newspapers.

To make any impact on this

market, new agencies must be able to offer something fresh and focused. Nick Lloyd, of Hogarth Davies & Lloyd, specialises in recruiting law-yers, ideally with good bank-ing experience in City firms, for financial institutions. He acknowledges that the mainstream recruitment field is saturated and he is not interested in adding to the over-

supply.

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make all the difference be-tween success and failure for agency and candidates alike. Kellyfield Consulting was set up last year and focuses entirely on the top City prac-tices. Its founders, Hugh Kelly and Mark Field, have experi-ence with Freshfields and Ashurst Morris Crisp, and consider that they have a better understanding than most of what makes a big law

firm tick and the qualities they

seek from recruits.

ark Field says: "We don't disnumbers of CVs. We are very selective and only submit those who really match the clients' needs. We also include careers guidance as part of our service. When we see a candidate, we will probe what they want to do and put them forward for jobs which meet their long-term aspirations as well as short-term requirements."

Kellyfield's strategy is prob-ably a good one. Law firms need human talent in the same monds. For a good "fit", the person, the vacancy, the firm and the prospects all need to be right. The law business's sole asset is the people who work for it. Their deployment is critical to the success of both individual firms and to the

sector as a whole. That is why high-quality recruitment consultancies are essential. They are needed to oil the wheels of the industry to enable it to adjust smoothly to the changing demands of the legal market.

In doing this, the acknowledged market leaders are Quarry Dougall and ZMB. Both have established their credibility by showing that they really know what law firms want from candidates. Moreover, as the personnel and strategic needs of their clients have changed, so they have progressively offered a wider range of services.

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on mergers and human re-source development, including the "retooling" of able lawyers

disappeared.

Looking ahead, Gareth
Quarry of Quarry Dougall
reckons that the legal industry
is on the verge of yet another
reshaping. The expansion of
the big US law firms in
London, the ambitions of the accountants in the legal field and the probability of multidisciplinary firms will lead to another legal revolution.

awyers will need help in addressing these massive changes, and personnel consultancies in particular will be required to advise on the human resource dimension. For those who can rise to the challenge, the prospects will be excellent. For those who cannot, it may be curtains.

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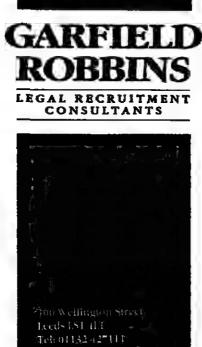


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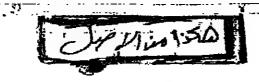
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BOWLS

Scotland go down in both triples and pairs

By GORDON ALLAN

SCOTLAND were involved in two key matches in the quali-fying rounds of the eighth women's world championships at Royal Learnington Spa yesterday and lost them both. Jersey, their closest rivals, beat Julie Forrest and Joyce Lindores 19-14 in the pairs and South Africa beat Margaret Letham, Betty Forsyth and Sarah Gourlay 23-12

All this left Jersey two points clear of the Scots at the top of their pairs group, while South Africa, England and Scotland share the leadership in their

triples section.

The South African triple, having lost their unbeaten record to Fiji in the morning. were always in control against the Scots, the defending champions. In the pairs, Scotland

se is bringin

led most of the way before dropping five shots on the eighteenth end to fall 15-13

England lie joint fourth in their pairs group after a remarkable win over India. Gill Fitzgerald and Norma Shaw, down 16-6 and 21-15, edged home 22-21.

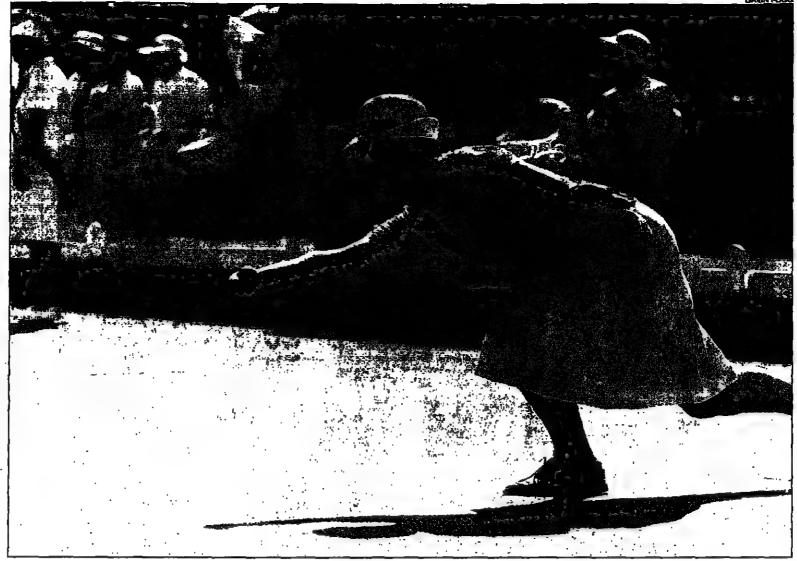
On the penultimate end. England scored six shots to tie the scores on 21-21 after a dispute over an Indian bowl which had touched the jack and gone in the ditch without being chalked.

Thirty one countries are taking part this year, five more than at the last championships at Ayr in 1992, and there are almost as many varieties of dress on show. Trousers, shorts and socks are common among the players from the Pacific islands and the Far East, in contrast to the traditional formality of the regulation skirt and top stipulated by the English Women's Bowing Association (EWBA). The odd player has even been seen having a quick smoke on the bank between ends.

These bowlers from the distant outposts of the game bring not only a different appearance but also a different approach - the exuberance of the southern hemisphere as against the comparative restraint of the northern. The names of Carmen Anderson, of Norfolk Island, and Willow Fong, late of Fiji now of Australia, may not have meant a great deal to the British bowling public last week, but they will by the time the championships end, on August 18.

The five greens in Victoria Park look in excellent condition, thanks partly to the fine weather but more particularly to Veronica Tabor, a former telephonist who is now the head greenkeeper and one of the few women to hold such a post. She has been working at the Learnington complex for 20 years, in charge for the past eight. She joined Warwick District Council as a trained and, after a three-year course, came out as second top graduate in England. She was the only girl among 30 boys on the course and says that this made her determined to succeed.

A fifth green was laid three ears ago and a disease problem developed on it, but Tabor says this has been controlled. The council has spent £1.2 million to bring the arena up to world championship standard and a further £500,000 was raised by the EWBA organising committee.



Norma Shaw, of England, recovered from sickness to help England beat Guernsey 18-14 in the pairs at Royal Leamington Spa yesterday

ROWING: HIGH HOPES OF SUCCESS AS STRATHCLYDE PREPARES TO HOST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Britain's best back in the chase for medals

By MIKE ROSEWELL DOWING CORRESPONDENT

LENNIE ROBERTSON, coach to the British lightweight men's eight who will start their medal quest at the world championships today, is confident of his crew's readiness. They are all up for it," he said. The same could be said for the other 20 British boats at Strathclyde, all settled and injury-free. The British eight, silver medal-winners behind Denmark in 1995,

beat the Danes at Amsterdam this season but, for Robertson, the 1995 world champions remain "the boat to The new-look men's lightweight

quad, stroked by the veteran, Stuart

after a break of six years, is in an entry of 15 crews. The Italians, with their 1995 bronze-medal crew and Ireland and New Zealand, with some personnei fresh from Atlanta, look like the crews to beat.

There are high hopes of medals among Britain's lightweight women. Sue Appelboom, fourth in the world in 1995, and in an entry of 19 scullers, has had a good build-up in European regattss. Anna Helleberg, from Denmark, and the 1995 bronze medalwinner, Annette Bogstra, from Holland, cannot be discounted, however, and Adair Ferguson, the 1985 certainly has the experience.

Also, the appearance of Constanta Burcic, of Romania, fresh from an Atlanta double scull, adds pressure.

Alison Brownless, Britain's most successful woman rower, and Jane Hall, the world lightweight pair silver medal-winners in 1995, have only seven rivals but the 1995 gold medal-winners from the United States, Christine Smith and Ellen Minzner, are among them.

The United States, Britain and Germany, the leading three in 1995, again spearhead the women's lightweight coxless fours, Robyn Morris and Jo Nitsch remaining from Britain's silver medal crew last year.

Rowers are clearly voting with their feet in the heavyweight coxed pairs

and coxed fours. Discarded by FISA. the sport's international governing body, from the Olympic Games, 12 and 15-nation entries tend to question that decision. Form is vague although Britain's Nottingham County coxed four finished second in Lucerne and Damian West and Davld Beckley in the coxed pair recently won silver in the Nations Cup British coxed four.

The British junior crews enter the fray tomorrow and are unlikley to be overshadowed in the medal hunt by their elders. Mark Banks, chief junior coach, has set up a pecking order with the junior coxless four, so often essful for Britain in the past, and the junior eight as the highest pedigree rowing crews.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Hull hope for quick route back to the top

By Christopher Invine

HULL, a dominant force in the game in the Seventies, will put forward an application to be "fast-tracked" into the Stones Super League next season, provided they maintain their top four place in the first division.

Any submission would be looked at sympathetically by the Rugby Football League. Local rivalries scuppered the governing body's original vi-sion of a Super League club created by a merger between Hull and Hull Kingston

Salford have all but guaranteed themselves the one auto-matic promotion place for this season, and South Wales have used the "fast-tracking" procedure to gain admittance in 1997. From a geographical perspective, Hull's entry would broaden the horizons of

the Super League.

The difficulty would be if
Hull finish in their present
fourth place. Keighley Cougars and Featherstone Rovers, who are above them, lost out in the final draft of the 12-club structure. To lose out again in an expansion to 14 clubs would be deemed more than just unfair. Allan Mason, the Hull chairman, said: "With the increasing desire to play more competitive matches in the Super League, Hull wish to make their bid on merit. Historical contributions, facilities and strategic geographical significance qualify the bid, based on fairness and achievement."

Whether there would be the quality of players to go round 14 clubs is another problem. Salford are the latest to show an interest in Shaun Edwards, of Wigan, who have already rejected approaches by Keighley and Huddersfield, a sign that the Great Britain captain will see out the year on his contract at Central Park.

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OLYMPIC GAMES: ENTHRALLING ATHLETICS DOMINATED BY THE GREAT AND THE NOT-SO-GOOD

Johnson leaves elite field trailing

IN ATLANTA

IT STARTED with Ecuador's first Olympic gold medal and ended with South Africa's first by a black athlete. Neither was predicted but, between Jefferson Perez winning the men's 20 kilometre walk in front of almost a full house of 83,000 at breakfast time on the opening morning and Josia Thugwane leading home the men's marathon on the concluding day. the upsets were few.

Who needed them? The drama, the tension, the close finishes, the cacophony of support inside the Centennial Stadium combined to make this an unforgettable celebration of athletics. Even the bad days were good. If there has been a better Olympics for track and field, book me a seat on the time machine and take me back there.

The obvious highlight was Michgel Johnson's completion of the first Olympic 200/400 metres double with a world-record 19.32 for the shorter distance. He could not believe the speed of it himself. "I would like to have watched that, I am a track fan." he said.

The stadium roared at Johnson's futuristic performance, 0,34 seconds chopped off the record. What was curious was that the voice of the crowd moved seamlessly onto the next event. One looked for Johnson in the first semi-final of the men's 5,000 metres, but no, he was not still running. It sounded as though he must be. "Some pockets of this land are keen on track, Atlanta is not such a place," the Atlanta Journal/Constitution had warned. "We need all the coaching we can get." Uncoached, Atlanta made a noise anyway.

Almost every seat was filled, two sessions a day for nine days. In Barcelona and Seoul, the Games between Los Angeles and Atlanta. the mornings were half-empty. Spectators were rewarded with two world records. The first was Donovan Bailey's 9.84sec for 100 metres after Linford Christie had stirred the drama, holding up the final while arguing over two false starts that got him disqualified.

into the mix. Atlanta had a home-town victory. Derrick Adkins won the 400 metres hurdles, "I feel I do not have to win another race in my life," he said. Three athletes won two individual events: Johnson. Marie José Pérec, from France (200/400), and Svetlana Masterkova, from Russia (800/1,500). Carl Lewis, with his long jump victory. became only the second athlete after Al Oerter in the discus to win a fourth Olympic title in one event.

The contrast between Lewis's joy and Mike Powell's sadness, as he



Vebjorn Rodal, of Norway, can scarcely believe his triumph as he secures the 800 metres gold medal. Photograph: Gary Hershorn

was helped from the pit injured, enriched the drama. That same evening Sally Gunnell needed a wheelchair after breaking down in the semi-finals of the 400 metres hurdles, her Olympic title defence in ruins. There were more tears than rain over the nine days: Gunnell, Sonia O'Sullivan, Jackie Joyner-Kersee for their misfortune,

Johnson on the podium. Powell and O'Sullivan have won world titles, set world records and

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been in the forefront for years but are still without an Olympic title: the same goes for Moses Kiptanui (steeplechase), Colin Jackson (110 metres hurdles), Frankie Fredericks (100/200 metres), Merlene Ottey (200 metres). One who broke from the group was Dan O'Brien, winner of the decathlon.

Uncomfortably for the sport, too many titles went to athletes convicted of drug offences but allowed back: Ludmilla Engquist (100 me-

SUNDAY'S LATE RESULTS FROM ATLANTA

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tres hurdles), Chioma Ajunwa (long jump), Randy Barnes (shot). On the subject of drugs, the Irish journalists let Johnson enjoy his celebrations. No interrogation of the kind that Michelle Smith, Ireland's winner of three swimming gold medals, was subjected to

by the US media. In apple-pie country, some were forced on to humble pie. Du'aine Ladejo, the Briton who had spoken of beating Johnson but failed to

Gymnastics

FINAL: 1, Y Serebryarskaya (Ukr) 39.583pis; 2, I Basyrchina (Rus) 39.382; Y Vitrichenko (Ukr) 39.331; 4, A Zampove (Rus) 39.264, 5, M Petrova (Bul) 38.999; 6, E Serrano (Pl) 38.816.

Handball

Men's play-offs BRONZE MEDAL MATCH: Spert 27 France 25. FINAL: Croabs 27 Sweden 26.

Volleyball

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make the 400 metres final, comes to mind. We saw the greatest women's 10,000 metres contest yet. Fernanda Ribeiro, from Portugal seemingly dropped by Wang Junxia on the last lap, then catching the Chinese and squeezing by her in the finishing straight.
The two 1.500 metres events were

dramatic, Hassiba Boulmerka, the defending women's champion, falling in the semi-finals and Hicham Lel Guerroudj, a serious contender for the men's title, falling in the final. The men's hammer, the women's 100 metres, high jump and 4 x 400 metres were classics. So was the men's 20 kilometres walk. "When I took the lead I felt very tired, as if I was half-asleep," Perez said. "It felt like a dream then I thought 'this is my dream'. I have to go for it even if I die."

These were athletes driven by their iron will. For rewards best summed up by the pole vault gold medal-winner. Jean Galfione, when asked what he was thinking on the podium. "Remember everything, remember everything,"
Galfione said, "These are the most important moments of your life."

One man and his insomniac dog retire unbeaten

able: "From the Olympic city of Atlanta, good night ... or is it good morning?" Only David Coleman could turn goodbye into a controversy. After 16 days and over 300 hours of television coverage, the Olympic Games were finally over

To be fair to Coleman there were mitigating circumstances. It was late whichever time zone you were operating in. In Atlanta, it was midnight and the party was still humming, back home it was 5am, a time of day when viewing figures are down to one man and his insomniae dog. Actually, it was worse that that - the dog had called it a night when he spotted the kangaroos on bicycles. If this was Sydney 2000, he was having none of it.

The final day had been a long one for Coleman. It had started before 7am local time, with the coverage of the marathon. So what if Brendan Foster did most of the talking? Coleman had been there by his side, ever ready to chip in with a "I've seen marathon medals won or lost on the track." or the thoughts of President Mandela on Josia Thugwane's victory: "Absolutely delighted, I'm sure."

Seventeen hours later and we were both still going strong. Together we had endured the dance of the quilts; watched surely the ugliest flame in Olympic history (a chip carton mounted on a fire escape is the nearest I can get to it) be extinguished: and once again we had been forced to listen to Juan Antonio Samaranch calling on everyone younger than himself to do it all over again in four years' time. Now, after sitting through what Coleman described as "the greatest jam session in history" and what was indisputably the longest, it was time for him to have his say.

It was not good enough. "It's time to look back and cut back ... It's time to look forward and refine the programme ... The IOC must have a rethink and so must our politicians." As I sat there in the increasingly bright light of dawn, I wondered where he had got that idea from?

Perhaps from Des Lynam, who mounted his own little outburst a few hours earlier but was lucky enough to have had his go out in prime time. Lynam's shock conclusion? It was not good enough.

But whatever you think of the



method core

Olympics and whatever your view of Britain's ability to compete at the highest level, there is no denying that the BBC's coverage of the 26th Olympiad was plenty good enough. It was outstanding.

Helped by some superlative

pictures provided by the host broadcaster (only in the athletics stadium did the pictures become overtly partisan) and hindered by a time difference that was always going to rob it of the mass audiences of Barcelona, the corporation produced a superlative package of round-theclock programming. Its commitment to live coverage at hours when peak audiences were likely to be under 2 million was particularly impressive.

y quibbles would be small ones. First, that the BBC can still learn from its American host's clever use of graphics (the marathon on Sunday and cycling time-trial on Saturday were particularly good examples) and that a predictable source of medals should not be ignored. Sailing, never an easy television sport, still deserved more than Malcolm McKeag's five minutes a day.

Eurosport, the satellite channel, also had a good Games. helped by clever cherry-picking of so-called secondary sports and by a real commitment to

have its commentators on site. So was our nocturnal marathon worth it? I definitely thought it was . . . or rather I did until I saw those geniuses of the BBC edits suites reduce 16 consecutive late nights and 80-90 hours of singlehanded watch-... to just 20 minutes of brilliantly-assembled highlights. It was a distinctly sobering experience. It was definitely time for bed.

1996 OLYMPIC ROLL OF HONOUR

MEN'S INDIVIDUAL: 1, J Huish (US), 2, M Patersson (Swe); 3, Oh Nyo-moon (S Kor) MEN'S TEAM: 1, United States; 2, South MICHAEL STAND TO SAUDY 2 SOUTH KNOWN TO SAUDY 2 SOUTH SAUDY 2 SOUTH KNOWN TO SAUDY 2 SOUTH SAUDY 2

Athletics

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100 METRES: 1, D Balley (Cari); 2, Fredericka (Nam), 3, A Boldon (Titri)
200 METRES: 1, M Johnson (US); 2, Fredericks (Nam); 3, A Boldon (Titri)
400 METRES: 1, M Johnson (US); 2, R Back, (38), 3, D Kamoga (Uga), 800 METRES: 1, V Rodal (Nov); 2, H Sepeng (SA), 3, F Chryancha (Ken)
1,500 METRES: 1, N Moncel (Alg.); 2, F Cacho (Sp.), 3, S Repkorir (Nen)
5,000 METRES: 1, N Noncelo (Alg.); 2, F Cacho (Sp.), 3, S Repkorir (Nen)
2, P Bitol (Nen); 3, K Boulami (Mor)
10,000 METRES: 1, H Gabussas (Ehr.
2, P Tergat (Nen); 3, S Hissou (Mor),
MARATHON: 1, J Trugmane (SA); 2, BongJu Lee (S kor); 3, E Wainama (Ken)
3,000 METRES: STEEPLECHASE: 1, J
Neter (Ken), 2, M Keptanut (Ken); 3, A
Lembruschuri (fil)
110 METRES HURDLES: 1, A Johnson (US); 2, M Crear (US); 3, F Schwaitholi (Ger),
4 x 100 METRES RELAY: 1, Carade; 2,
United States, 3, Bazil

I v 400 METRES RELAY: 1, Carade; 2,
United States, 3, B Segura (Mex)
IN CARACTES WALK: 1, I Perez (Ec), 2,
I Markov (Rus); 3, B Segura (Mex)
INSCAMETRES WALK: 1, I Perez (Ec), 2,
I Massana (Sp)
HBGH JUMP: 1, C Austin (US); 2, A Pariyka
Messana (Sp)
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Messana (Sp)

(Pol), 2. M Shchennikov (Rus): 3, V Messana (Sp)
High Julief: 1, C Austin (US): 2, A Painty-ai (Pol), 3, S Smith (GB)
POLE VAULT: 1, J Galtione (Fr): 2, I Transferikov (Rus), 3, A Tivonichik (Ger), LONG, JUMP: 1, C Lewis (US): 2, J Beckford (Jam), 3, J Greene (US); 2, J Beckford (Jam), 3, J Greene (US): 2, J Beckfords (GB), 3, Y Ouesadis (Cuba), SHOT: 1, R Bernes (US), 2, J Godina (US), 3, O Bagash (Ukr)
DISCUS: 1, L Riedel (Ger): 2, V Dubrovshchik (Belo): 3, V Kaphyukh (Belo)
HAMMER: 1, B Kiss (Hun): 2, L Deal (US), 3, A Krykin (Ukr)
JAVELIN: 1, J Zelezny (Cz): 2, S Beckley 3, A Krykun (Ukr) JAVELRY: 1, J Zelezny (Cz); 2, S Backley (GB), 3, S Raty (Fin) DECATHLON: 1, D O'Bnen (US), 2, F Busemann (Ger); 3, T Dvorak (Cz).

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100 METRES: 1, G Devers (US); 2, M Ottay (Jam); 3, G Tomence (US)

200 METRES: 1, M-J Perec (Fr), 2, M Otley (Jam); 3, M Onyah (Negeria)

400 METRES: 1, M-J Perec (Fr), 2, C Freeman (Aus); 3, F Ogunkoya (Negeria)

800 METRES: 1, S Masterkova (Rus); 2, A Quirot (Cuba); 3, M Mutola (Moz); 1,500 METRES: 1, S Mesterkova (Rus); 2, G Szatoo (Rom); 3, T Kiest (Austre); 5,000 METRES: 1, Wang Jumea (China), 2, P Konga (Nen), 3, R Brunet (ii); 10,000 METRES: 1, F Ribearo (Por), 2, Wang Jumea (China), 3, G Warm (Eth); MARATHON: 1, F Robe (Eth), 2, V Yagorova (Rus), 3, Yarmon (Japan); 100 METRES HURDLES: 1, L Enquisi (Swe); 2, B Bukovec (Stovensa), 3, P Garard-Leno (Fr). (US) 4 x 100 METRES RELAY: 1, United States; 2. Bahamas; 3, Jamoica. 4 x 400 METRES RELAY: 1, Unried States; 2. Banemas; 3. Januaus.
2. Nigeria, 3. Germany.
4. 400 METRES RIELAY: 1. United States;
2. Nigeria, 3. Germany.
4. High Junipp. 1. S. Nostadinova (But), 2. N.
Bakogterni (Gr.), 3. I Babakova (Ula).
LONG JUNIP: 1. G. Ajumva (Nigeria), 2. F.
May (Itt.), 3. J. Loyner-Nersee (US).
TRIPLE JUNIP: 1. J. Kravets (US).
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SHOT: 1. A Kumbernuss (Gerl. 2. Sul
Ximma (China); 3. I Krudorozhkira (Rus)
DISCUS: 1. I Wyludda (Gerl. 2. N.
Sadova
(Rus), 3. E Zverava (Belo)
JAYELIN: 1. H Bentanen (Fin); 2. L. McPaul
(Aus), 3. T. Haltestad (Nor)
HEPTATHLON: 1. G. Shousa (Syne); 2. N.
Sazanovich (Bolo); D. Lewis (GB).
10 KILOMETRES WALK: 1. Y. Nikolayeva
(Rus); 2. E. Perrone (If); Wang Yan (China)

MENS SINGLES: 1, P.E. Hoyer-Larsen (Dent; 2, Dong Jiong (China); 3, S Rashid (Maissy) MEN'S DOUBLES: 1, R Meineky and R Subagia (Indio), 2, Cheah Soon Kill and Yap Kim Hock (Maissy); 3, S Anionius and D Kentono Indio. (Indo) WOMEN'S DOUBLES: 1, Ge Fei and Qu www.meinro-ucutst.ess: 1, de Fei and Gu-Jun (Chnia); 2, Gif Young-ain and Jang Hye-cok (S Korl, 3, Oin Yiyuan and Teng Yongehu (China). MixteD DOUBLES: 1, Gil Young-ain and Kim Dong-moon (S Korl; 2, Ra Kyung-min and Park Joo-bong (S Korl, 3, Liu Jianjun and Sun Men (China)

MEN: 1, Cube: 2, Japan: 3, United State Baskethall MEN: 1, United States; 2, Yugosfavia; 3,

Lithuania. WOMEN: 1. United States; 2, Brazil, 3, Australia. Beach volleyball MEN: 1, K Statles and K Kiraly (US): 2, M Whitmarsh and M Dodd (US): 3, J Child and

Windmarsh and M Dodd (US); 3. J Child and M Heese (Can) M Heese (Can) WOMEN: 1. S Taveres and J Cruz (Br): 2, M Rodingues and A Ramos (Br): 3, N Cook and K A Polithenst (Aus). Boxing

Boxing

Light-FLYWEIGHT: 1, D Boylov (But), 2, M
Velasco (Phill; 3, O Kiryulon (Likr) and R
Lozano (Sp)
FLYWEIGHT: 1, M Romero (Cuba), 2, 8
Djurnaditov (Kaz); 3, A Paluev (Rus) and Z
Lurka (Gar)
BANTAMWEIGHT: 1, I Kovacs (Hun); 2, A
Mesa (Cuba); 3, V Khadpo (Trai) and R
Mallataravo (Rus)
FEATHERWEIGHT: 1, S Kamsong (Thai), 2, S
Todorov (But); 3, P Chacon (Arg) and and
F Mayweather (US)
LIGHTWEIGHT: 1, H Soltani (Alg): 2, T
Torrichev (But); 3, T Cauthen (US) and L
Dorolla (Florn)
LIGHTWEIGHT: 1, H Vinent Doroltei (Rom)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT: 1, H Vinent
(Cuta); 2 O Urkai (Ger)* 3, B Niyazymbetov
(Kaz) and F Missaoui (Tun).

WELTERWEIGHT: 1, D Santov (Rus); 2, J
Hamandag (Cuta); 3, M Simion (Rom) and
D Santos (P Roo)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT: 1, D Red (US); 2,
A Duvergel (Cuta); 3, K Tuleganov (Lizb)
and E Ibramov (Kaz)

MIDDLEWEIGHT: 1 A Hernandez (Cuta). A Duvergel (Cuba), 3, K Tuleganrov (Uzb) and E Ibrarnov (Kaz)
MIDDLEWEIGHT: 1 A Hernandez (Cuba), 2, M Beyleroglu (Tur): 3, M Behan (Atg) and II Wes, [US)
LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT: 1 V Jrov (Naz), 2, Lec Seung-bae (S Kor), 3, A Tarver (US) and T Uhrch (Ger), HEAVYWEIGHT: 1, F Sevon (Cuba); 2, D Defisepton (Can), 3, N Jones (US) and L Krasmo (Ger)
SUPER-HEAVYWEIGHT: 1, V Klischko (Ukr), 2, P Wolfignamm (Tonga); 3, A Lezn (Rius) and D Dokiwan (Nigersa)

MEN'S SPRINGBOARD: 1, Xiong Ni (China), 2, Yu Zhuocheng (China); 3, M Lenzo (US) Lerzo (US)
MEN'S 10-METRIE PLATFORM: 1, D
Sautin (Rus), 2, J Hempel (Gar), 3 Hariang
Xiao (Chria)
WOMEN'S SPRINGBOARD: 1, Mingas Fu
(Chria), 2, 1 Lashko (Rus); 3, A Pelleber
(Can).

(Can).
WOMEN'S 10-METRE PLATFORM: 1.
Mingpide Fu (China); 2, A Walter (Ger); 3. M E.
Clark, (US) Equestrianism INDMIDUAL SHOWAKMPING: 1, U Karb-hoff (Ger), Jus de Pommes; 2, W Meliger (Swiz), Celvaro; 3, A Ladormann (Fr), Rochat M Rochast M OWJUMPING: 1, Germany; 2, United States; 3, Brazzi.
INDIVIDUAL DRESSAGE: 1, I Wenth (Ger), Glopolo; 2, A van Grunsven (Hol), Bonfine; 3, S Rothenberger (Hol), Weyden TEAM DRESSAGE: 1, Germany; 2, Hollend; 3; United States
THREE-DAY EVENT, INDIVIDUAL: 1 B Tat (NZ); 2, S Clark (NZ); 3, K MBMn (US), THREE-DAY EVENT, TEAM: 1, Australia; 2, United States; 3, New Zealand.

Station

MEN'S CANADIAN SINGLES: 1, M Martikan (Slovelde): 2, L Pollen (Cz), 3, P Estanguel (Fr) MEN'S CANADIAN PAIRS: 1, F Adisson MEN'S CANADIAN PAIRS; 1, F Adisson and W Forgues (F); 2, J Rohan and M Smek (Cz); 3, A Enrenberg and M Senft (Ger); MEN'S KAYAK SINGLES; 1, O Fix (Ger); 2, A Vertover (Stovenel, 3, T Bocker (Ger) WOMEN'S KAYAK BINGLES; 1, S Higerovs (Cz); 2, D Chladek (US); 3, M Fox-Jérusaliru (Fr).

MEN'S SOOM CANADIAN SINIGLE≥ 1, M Doldor (C:); 2, S knazovicky (Slovekle), 3, I Putei (Huri) Pulei (Hun) MEN'S 1,000M CANADIAN SERGLES: 1. M Doktor (Cz); 2, I Klemaniyev (Lat); 3, G Zela (Hun).
MEN'S 500M CANADIAN PAIRS: 1.
Hurgary (C Horvath and G Kolonics). 2.
Molaova (N Juravschi and V Reneischi), 3.
Romania (G Anchev end G Obres).
MEN'S 1,000M CANADIAN PAIRS: 1.
Germany (A Ditmer and G Knothacki); 2.
Romania (A Borsan and M Glavari), 3.
Hurgary (C Horvath and G Kolonics).
MEN'S 500M KAYAK SIMOLES: 1, A Rossa (R); 2. K Holmania (Nor): 3. P Marketiness (Pol).
MEN'S 1,000M KAYAK SIMOLES: 4.

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MEN'S 1,000M KAYAK SINGLES: 1. K
Holmann (Not); 2. B Bonom (III); 3. C
Robusson (Aus)
MEN'S 500M KAYAK PAIRS: 1, Germany
(K Buhm and T Gussche); 2, Italy (B Bonom
and D Scarpe); 3, Australia (D Collins and A
Tirin) Trimi MEN'S 1,000M KAYAK PAIRS: 1, Italy (A Rossi and D Scarpa); 2, Germany (K Bluhm and T Guische), 3, Bulgana (M Kazanov unit A Dushov). MEN'S 1,000M KAYAK FOURIL: 1, Germany: 2, Hungay: 3, Russia. WOMEN'S SOOM KAYAK SINGLES: 1, R Koban (Hun): 2, C Brunel (Can); 3, J Islam (m). Women's Soom Kayan Pairs: 1, She den (A Andersson and S Gurnarscon), 2. Germany (R Portwich and B Rischer) 3, Australa (K Borcher) and A Wood), WOMEN'S 500M, KAYAK FOURS: 1. Germany, 2. Switzerland; 3, Sweden

Cycling

SPRINT: 1, J Fiedler (Ger): 2, M Nothstein (US): 3, C Harnort (Can)
(US): 3, C Harnort (Can)
ING TIME: TIRIAL: 1, F Rousseau (Fr), 2, E Hartwell (US): 3, T Jumonij (Japan)
INDN/DUAL PURSUIT: 1, A Collinelle (It): 2, P Ermenaut (Fr): 3, B McGee (Aus)
TEAM PURSUIT: 1, France: 2, Russea; 3, Historielle POINTS RACE: 1, S Martinello (II): 2, B Walton (Can), 3, S O'Grady (Aus)
INDIVIDUAL TIME-TRIAL: 1, M Induran (Sp), 2 A Olano (Sp); 3, C Boardman (GB) (Sid) RIDIVIDUAL ROAD RACE: 1. P Aichard (Switz), 2. R Sorensen (Den), 3, M Scandn (GR) (GE) MOUNTAIN BIKE: 1, 8 Brentjens (Hol); 2, T. Frischknecht (Switz); 3, M. Martinez

Women
SPRINT: 1, F Ballanger (Fr) 2, M Ferns
(Aus.), 3, I Hannga (Hol)
INDMDUAL PURSUIT: 1, A Belbrai (II) 2,
M Clignel (Fr) 3, J Amdt (Ger).
POINTS RACE: 1, N Lancian (Fr), 2 I
Hannga (Hol), 3, L Tyler Sharman (Aus)
INDMPDUAL TRIBE: TRIAL: 1, Z Zabirova
(Pus): 2 J Longo-Cprellr (Fr): 3, C Hughes
(Cam),
INDMIDUAL ROAD RACE: 1, J Longo-Cprell (Fr) 2, I Chappa (III), C Hughes
(Car),
MOUNTAIN BIKE: 1, P Pezzo (IZ), 2, A
Sydor (Can) 3, S Dematter (US).

Fencing Men INDIVIDUAL EPÉE: 1, A Boketov (Rus), 2, 1 Trevep Perez (Cuba), 3, G Inne (Huri), INDIVIDUAL FOIL: 1, A Puccini (M* 2, L Purmenal (Fr): 3, F Bodin (Fr). INDIVIDUAL SABRE: 1, S Pozzinyakov (Rus) S Sherikov (Rus); 3, D Touya (Fr). TEAM EPÉE: 1, Rus; 2, Russa; 3, France TEAM FOIL: 1 Russia; 2, Poland; 3, Cuba TEAM SABRE: 1, Russia, 2, Hungary; 3, Balv.

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Football MEN: 1, Nigeria: 2, Argentina; 3, Brazil WOMEN: 1, United States; 2. China: 3, Norway **Gymnastics**

Meni
PLOOR: 1, I Melicianudis (Gr); 2, Li
PLOOR: 1, I Melicianudis (Gr); 2, Li
Nisoshuang (China); 3, A Namov (Ruis),
HiGH BAR: 1, A Wecker (Ger); 2, K Dounev
Buf); oqual 3, V Scherbo (Belo), Fari Bin
(China) and A Nemov (Ruis)
PARALLEL BARS; 1, R Shampov (Ulir); 2, J
Lynch (US); 3, V Scherbo (Belo),
POMMED, HORSE 1, Li Donghua (Switz),
2, M Urzica (Romi; 3, A Nemov (Ruis)
RBNGS; 1, Y Chech (R), equal 2, 8 Csolliany
(Hun) and D Burnica (Rom)
VAULT; 1, A Nemov (Ruis); 2, Yeo Hongchul (S Kon); 3, V Scherbo (Belo)
INDIVIDUAL ALL: ROUND; 1, Li erau (S. NOT; 3, V Scherbo (Belo) INDIVIDUAL ALL-ROUND; 1, Li Xaoshvang (China), 2, A Nemov (Rus), 3, V Scherbo (Belo) TEAM: 1, Russia; 2, China; 3, Ukraine

Women ASYMMETRIC BARS: 1, 5 Chorlone (Flus), equal 2, Wonling B: (China) and A Chow (US)

HOMANIA.
RHYTHMIC INDIVIDUAL: 1, Y
Serebryenskaya (Ukr): 2, I Barynchina (Rus),
Y Venchenko (Ukr)
RHYTHMIC TEAM: 1, Spein; 2, Bulgene, 3,
Rustas.

Кепуа

MEN: 1, Crostis, 2, Sweden, 3, Spain. WOMEN: 1, Denmark, 2, South Korsa, 3, Hockey

MEN: 1, Holland, 2, Spain 3, 3, Australia. WOMEN: 1, Australia; 2, South Kores; 3, Holland.

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URODER 60KG: 1, T Normura (Japan); 2, G
Gownazzo (k); 3, D Nermandairh (Mong)
and R Trautmann (Ger)
UNDER 65KG: 1, U Quelimalz (Ger); 2, Y
Notemura (Japan), 3, H Gumaraes (Br)
and I Hermandez Plana (Cuba).
UNDER 17KG: 1, Notamura (Japan); 2,
Kwali Dee-sung (S Kor); 3, J Pedro (US)
and C Geglero (Pr)
UNDER 78KG: 1, D Bourae (Fr); 2, T Koga
(Japan), 3, S Lipariella (Georgia) and Cho
in-chul (S kor)
UNDER 88KG: 1, Jeon Ki-young (S Kor), 2,
A Bagdassarov (Uzbi), 3, M Spriba (Ger) and
M Huchiga (Hof)
UNDER 95KG: 1, P Noshula (Pol), 2, Km
Min-soo (S Kor); 3, S Thumeau (Fr) and M
Fernandes (Br)

Women WOMBER
UNDER 48KG: 1, Sun Kye (N Kor): 2, R
Tamura (Japent): 3, Y Soler (Sp) and A
Bavon (Cuba),
UNDER 52KG: 1, M-C Resious (Fr), 2,
Hyun Sook-hee (S Kor): 3, N Sugawers
Japani and L Verdecta (Cuba),
UNDER 58KG: 1, D Gonzalez (Cuba), 2,
Jung Sun-yong (S Kor): 3, I Fornandaz (Sp)
and M Lomba (Bel) uning starryting (S. Kor); 3, 1 Formancez (Sp) and M. Lombe (Bel); 4, Y. Ernoto (Jopan), 2, G. Vandocaveyo (Bel); 3, J. Gal (Hot) and Jung Sung-sook (S. Kor).
UNIDER 68(65; 1, Cho Mm-sun (S. Kor), 2, A. Scoopenska (Pol) 3, Wang Xianbo (Christ), and C. Zwors (Hot).
UNIDER 72(G: 1, U. Werbrouck, (Bol); 2, Y. Tanabe (Japan); 3, Y. Scapen (It) and D. Lunta (Culba).

CVER 728(G: 1, Sun Fumpo (Christ), 2, E. CVER 728(G: 1, Sun Fumpo (Christ), 2, E. OVER 72503: 1, Sun Furning (China), 2. E Rochguez (Cube), 3, J Hagn (Ger) and C Cicot (Fr)

FINAL MEDALS TABLE Gold Silver Bronze

United States Russia Indonesia Germany
Chiria
Germany
Chiria
France
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South Korea
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Spain Portugal Thailand Burundi Costa Rica Ecuador Hong Kong Syria Argentina Namibia Spain Romand Holland Greece Czech Rep Swizerland Austria Malaysia Moldova Uzbekistan Azerbaijan Denvirali Turkey Canada Bulgaria Japan Kuzakhstun Brazil Latvia Philippines Talwan Tonga Zambia Georgia South Africa Ireland Norway Belgium Nigeria North Korea Algeria Ethiopia Great Britein Belorussia Mexico Mongolia Mozambique

Puerto Rico

Modern pentathion MEN: 1, A Parygiri (Kaz), 2, E Zenovka (Rus), 3, J Martinek (Hun) Rowing

SINGLE SCULLS: 1, X Mueller (Swiz), 2 D Porter (Can), 3, T Lange (Ger) LIGHTWEIGHT DOUBLE SCULLS: 1, Switzerland (Michael and Markus Ger), 1, Holland (M. van der Linden and P Aardweijn), 3, Australia (A Edwards and B Hrck)
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DOUBLE SCULIS: 1. lasy DI (22and and Abbagnate), 2. Norway (k. Unidest and S. Stoerseth); 3. France (F. kowal and S. Barathay); COXLESS PAIRS: 1. Great Britain (S. Redgrave and M. Pinsent); 2. Australia (D. Weightman and R. Scoti); 3. France (M. Andrieux and J.-C. Rotand). QUADRIJPLE SCULIS: 1. Germany, 2. United Stoers, 3. Australia. United States, 3. Australia. LIGHTWEIGHT COXLESS FOURS: 1. Denmark: 2. Canada, 3, United States COOLESS FOURS, 1, Australia, 2, France, 3. Great Britain. EIGHTS: 1, Holland, 2, Germany, 3, Russia.

Women
SINGLE SCULLS: 1, Y Khodotovich (Bolot;
2 S Laumenn (Cerd); 3, T Harsen (Den)
LIGHTWEIGHT DOUBLE SCULLS: 1,
Romania (C Burces and C Macovicus); 2,
United States (T Bell and L Burns), 3,
Australia (F Joyce and Y Leo)
DOUBLE SCULLS: 1, Canada (M McBiran
and K Heddie); 2, China (M Cao and Y
Zhang), 3, Holland (I Eps and E van Neo)
COXLESS PAIRS: 1, Australia (M Shill and K
Satter), 2, United States (M Schwen and K
Krath), 3, France (C Gosse and H Cortin)
OUADRUPLE SCULLS: 1, Germany, 2, QUADRUPLE SCULLS: 1. Germany, Ukrane; 3. Canada. EliGHTS: 1. Romania, 2. Canada, 3. Reformasa.

Shooting

10-METRE AIR HIFLE: 1, A khadzhibekov (Rus), 2, W Walbel (Austria); 3, J-P Amai (Rus), 2, W Walbd (Aushra); 3, J-P Amal (FI)
10-METRE AIR PISTOL: 1, R Da Donna (R);
2, Yfu Wang (Chana), 3, T Kirakov (Bul);
2, Yfu Wang (Chana), 3, T Kirakov (Bul);
25-METRE RAPID FIRE PISTOL: 1, R
Schumann (Gar); 2, E Milev (Bul); 3, V
Voldsmyann (Kaz)
50-METRE FREE PISTOL: 1, B Kokorev
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3, 3, W Whalbal (Aushra)
TRAP: 1, M Diemond (Aus), 2, J Lukoros
(US), 3, L Bade (US)
DOUBLE TRAP: 1, R Mark (Aus); 2, A Pera
(II), 3, Zhong Bing (China)
RUNNING TARGET: 1 Yang Ling (China),
2, Xiao Jun (China), 3, M Janus (Chi
SKEET: 1, E Falco (II); 2, M Rosrkowski
(Pol), 3, A Boneti (II)
Womman

Promiser AR RIFLE: 1, R Mouer (Pol), 2, P Homeber (Gor); 3, A Nosev (Yug).

10-METRE AR PISTOL: 1 O Klochneva (Rus): 2, M Logwinenka (Rus) 3, M Grosdina (Bul)

25-METRE SPORT PISTOL: 1, LI Dushong (China), 2, D Yorgova (Bul), 3, M Logwinenka (Rus). Logivinerio (Rus). 50 May 100 Softhall

WOMEN: 1, United States; 2, China: 3, Australia.

MEN'S SINGLES: 1, A Agacsi (US); 2, S Bruguera (Spl. 3, L Paes findla)
MEN'B DOUBLES: 1, M Woodhouth and T Woodhodge (Aus); 2, T Henman and N Broad (GB); 3, M Gölinor and D Prinosii (Gar)
WOMEN'S SINGLES: 1, L Davenport (US) 2 A Sánchez Visario (Spl.: 3 J Novotha CC). (UZ).
WOMEN'S DOUBLES: 1, M J Fernandez and G Fernandez (US); 2, H Sulcove and J Novotna (Cz), 3, C Mardinez and A Sánchez Vicario (Sp)

Swimming

Men FREESTYLE: 1. A Popov (Rust), 2, G Hall (US); 3, F Scherer (Br) 100M FREESTYLE: 1, A Popov (Rust), 2, G Hall (US), 3, G Borges (Br) 200M FREESTYLE: 1, D Loader (NZ); 2, G Borges (Br), 3, D Kowelski (Aus) Borges (Br.) 3 D Kovelski (Aus.)
400M FREESTYLE: 1, D Loader (NZ), 2, P
Ratmer (SB): 3 D Kovelski (Aus.)
1,600M FREESTYLE: 1, N Perkins (Aus.): 2.
D Kovelski (Aus.), 3, G Smith (GB)
100M BREASTSTROKE: 1, F
Debugtignasive (Bel) 2, J Linn (US.), 3, M
Warnacke (Ger).
200M BREASTSTROKE: 1, N Rouse (Huni):
2, N Guitter (Hun), 3 A Komsyev (Rus.)
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was disqualified, his medal passing to N
Gelingham (GB), but the decream was
reversed on appeal

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100M BUTTERFLY: 1, D Pankraiov (Rus).

2 S Miler (Aus): 3, V Kulkov (Rus).

200M BUTTERFLY: 1, D Pankraiov (Rus).

2, T Matchow (US), 3, S Goodman (Aus).

(US), 2. E Namesnik (US), 3, C Mydan

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2, A Beard (US): 3, S Rilary (Aus);
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2, A Beard (US); 3, A Kovacs; (Huri)
100M BACKSTROKE: 1 B Botsford (US);
2, W Hadgepeth (US): 3, M Line (SA);
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Volleyball MEN: 1 Holland; 2, Italy 3, Yugoslavia WOMEN: 1, Cuba, 2, China; 3, Brazil

Weightlifting

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UNDER 54KG. 1. H Mutlu (Tur) 2. Zhang
Xiangson (China), 3. 5 Minchev (Bul)
UNDER 59KG: 1. Tang Lingsheng (China)
2. L Sabaris (Gri: 3. N Pashalov (Bul)
UNDER 64KG: 1. N Subsymanogo (Turi 2.
V.Leorides (Gr). 3. Xhao Jiangang (China). 2
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(Bul) 3. Jon Chol-ho (N Kor)
UNDER 83KG: 7 PDImas (Gr). 2. M Hustor
(Gor). 3. A Colaris (Pol)
UNDER 91KG: 1. A Petrov (Fus) 2. L
Kohas (Gr) 3. O Caruso (Ger)
UNDER 98KG: 1. A Nathrechnia (Gr): 2. A
Kirrapaty (Nac). 3. D Goffrid (Unr)
UNDER 106KG: 1. T Taimazov (Unr). 2. S
Syrleov (Rus). 3. N Vlad (Rom)
OVER 108KG: 1. A Chemarian (Rus). 2. R
Weller (Ger). 3. S Botev (Aus)

Table tennis MEN'S SINGLES: FINAL: 1, Liu Guolang (China). 2, Wang Tao (China). 3, J Rosskopi

(Gar) MEN'S DOUBLES: 1, Liu Guotiang and Yong Linghui (China), 2, Wang Teo and Lu Lin (China), 3, Lee Chul-seung and You Lin (China), 3, Lee Chui-seung and Yoo Nam-kyu (8 kori WOMEN'S SINGLES: 1, Deng Yaping (China), 2, Chen Jing (Taiwan); 3, Chao Hong (China) WOMEN'S DOUBLES: 1, Deng Yaping and Quao Hong (China); 2, Liu Wei and Quao Yunping (China); 3, Park Hee-jung and Ryu Ji-hae (8 kori)

Water polo MEN: 1, Spari, 2, Croatia: 3, Italy Wrestling

Freestyle UNIDER 48KG: 1, km II (N Kor): 2, A Marchyan (Arm), 3, A Perdamo (Cuba)
UNIDER 52KG: 1, V Jordanov (Bul): 2, N Abdullave (Azer), 3, M Mamyrov (kaz)
UNIDER 57KG: 1, K Cross (US): 2, G Sissauon (Can), 3, Ri Yong Sam (N kor) (N kor)
UNDER 62KG: 1, T Brands (US), 2, Jang
Jae-sung IS Kori, 3, E Tedeov (Ukr)
UNDER 68KG: 1, V Bogivev (Rus), 2, T
Saunders (US); 3 Z Cazirov (Ukr)
UNDER 74KG: 1, B Sabev (Rus), 2, Park
Jáng-soon (S Kori, 3, T Ota (Japan)
UNDER 82KG: 1, K Magomedov (Rus); 2,
Yang Hyun-mo (S Kori, 3 A Azgriadi
(Iran) Yang Hyun-mo (S.Kor), J. A. Azghadi (Iran), 2, M. Khadarisev (Rus), 3. E. Kurrandze (Georgia).
UNDER 100KG: 1, k. Angle (US), 2, A. Jadidi (Iran), 3, A. Sabejew (Ger).
OVER 100KG: 1, M. Domir (Tur); 2, A. Medvedev (Belo), 3, B. Baumgariner (US).

Greco-Roman UNDER 48KG: 1, Sim kwom-ho (S Kor); 2, A Pavlov (Belo); 3, Z Gulyov (Rus)

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Paulson (US), 3, A Kalashnikov (US)
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Hall (US) 3 Sheng Zetan (China)
UNDER SEKG* 1, W Zawadzia (Pro); 2 J L f
Maren Delis (Cuba) 3 M Priori (Tur)
UNDER SEKG* 1, R Wolry (Pol), 2 G
Yolou (Fir) 3, A Trelyakov (Rus)
UNDER 74KG* 1, F Ascuy Agualera (Cuba)
2 M Asel (Fin), 3 J Tracz (Pol)
UNDER SEKG* 1, Y Cuyny/ (Ukr), 2, J
Fafinski (Pol), 3 M Bullman (Ger)
UNDER TOOKG* 1, Y Cuyny/ (Ukr), 2, J
Fafinski (Pol), 3 M Bullman (Ger)
UNDER TOOKG* 1, A Wronski (Pol)* 2, S
Lishtvan (Belo), 3 M Bullman (Ger)
OVER 100KG* 1, A karelin (Rus), 2, M
Ghatlan (US)* 3, S Mouroko (Mold)

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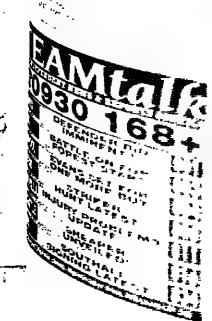
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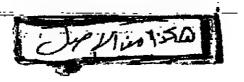
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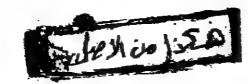
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Boxing seeks method of levelling up the score

Srikumar Sen reports on the sporting contest between human and computer

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O THE GALLERIES

Instead of five judges recording hits on a computer at the touch of a button. the job of scoring will be left entirely to a computer, which will record blows on the target area through special devices attached to the gloves and vests of boxers.

Because of a large number of complaints from competitors, boxing officials and the public in Atlanta about the scoring, the International Amateur Boxing



Association (IABA) is keen to find a better system for the next Games in Sydney. Arthur Tunstall, an Australian who is the vice-

president of IABA, said: "1 have believed for a long time that with the advances in technology there must be a way in which you could put a sensor in a glove and then mark the body at four or five points. When a blow is struck on one of these five points it will score. That way

there will be no argument. There could be difficulweights. The flyweights don't hit as hard as heavyweights, but this could be overcome by altering the sensitivities of the sensors according to the weights. When I get home I am going to talk to our scientific people and see if they can work something out like this. If they can come up with a solution, the IABA would look at it provided it proved successful.

The system, even if it has all the flaws of artificial intelligence, must be better than the present one in which at least three of the five Judges must press a button within a second of each other to record a hit. Many good blows were not recorded because some judges could not react fast cnough.

I lost count of how many times Jim Neilly, the BBC commentator, told viewers: That was a good hit but it doesn't seem to have been recorded by the judges." Much as Neilly tried to inject excitement into the matches, they remained lifeless and boring because the judges' scoring, or rather the lack of it, interfered with the flow of the contest. Quite often what the boxers were doing seemed not as important as what the judges were getting up to.
It is asking too much of a

judge to have the reflexes of a boxer. Sugar Ray Leonard used to put ten to fifteen punches together in the space of a couple of seconds. There is no way a judge could keep up with a Leon-ard, who, by the time a judge has hit a button 16 times to record his blows, has landed another 20 or 30 punches.

In one case, a boxer was given a standing count without a hit being registered by the judges. No wonder that an American judge and referee threw in the towel and quit be use of the system. On United States for amateur boxing to "get a hold of the system and



Celeste of St Helier, left, at the head of the Sigma 33 fleet during yesterday's Skandia Life Cowes Week racing in the Solent

Mills gets into regatta spirit

BY EDWARD GORMAN SALLING CORRESPONDENT

CHARLIE MILLS is something of a legend on the east coast racing circuit. He firmly believes that one should enjoy their yachting to the limit, especially ashore after the actual racing. Some sailors genuinely believe that they perform better with a hang-over, Mills, a hotelier from Colchester, has never given himself the chance to test whether, perhaps, he does not.

This year, he has turned up in Cowes to try out his new boat, Shoot the Bar, an interesting 31-foot hybrid designed by Tony Castro, a Hamble-based naval architect. The wooden hull in Canadian Red cedar, is new but it has been designed to accommodate the rig, engine and fittings from Mills's last boat, a threequarter tonner called Abcoelutely, once known as

Decosol Car Care. Mills took delivery of the new boat from Rock Run, a only last week and then had a hairy experience sailing her up to Cowes for her first

was causing reverse helm, making the yacht uncontrollable especially under the spin-naker. Mills and his crew reduced the blade's size by eight per cent to rectify the

With Shoot the Bar's only sister ship, Circuiteer, owned by Mark Pelling, from Kent, also racing in Class 3, Cowes is providing the perfect test for Mills. The two boats are rated just one point apart because of Circuiteer's slightly bigger rig. On Sunday, Circuiteer was second in the 24-strong fleet with Mills close behind in

Yesterday, in much fresher right. Sunday was the first conditions. Pelling again man-aged to finish second while Mills was also doing well until he was forced to drop out of the race towards the end, to pick up a man overboard from a yacht racing close by.

He was last seen seeking redress in the protest room. So far Mills, who has won Burnham Week and numerous races on the east coast, is happy enough with the new boat, which he reckons has saved him about £70,000.

"I've been hammered on the handicap and I am quite upset

time we've ever been up the beat on her. She was sloppy in the middle numbers, but, once the wind went over about 14 knots, she was wonderful."

Mills, who has eight of his east coast crew on board, believes that he can beat Peiling so long as he gets his team to get. We are quicker in a straight line, but they are better round the corners," he

Mills is working hard to enjoy himself after a two-year absence from the world's biggest regatta. "I am just desper-ately trying to get everybody to

and get them to drink in pubs. with glasses and barmaids that smile, and where people aren't being sick over you all the time," he said.

Elsewhere yesterday, the Glenfiddich Melges 24 fleet had another close day's racing in a good breeze. Mike Lennon, the class national champion on Raw Hyde, sailed brilliantly to win after being over-early at the start and having to go back.
"We went back to make sure

we were legitimate and I am delighted we've got another first to add to our tally," he

Meanwhile, the big-boat maxi class raced around the Isle of Wight with the two Grand Mistral boats, Nicorette skippered by Ludde Ingvall and the Russian-owned Grand Mistral, claiming first and second places, with John Caulcutt's Multipep in third,

In Class 1, Stephen Bailey's Bashford Howison 41, Arbitrator, took the honours in the battle of the BH 41s with Jocelyn Waller's Silk 2 in second and Glynn Williams's Wolf third.

Olympian protests by selling

medals

LLIKAS POLLERT, the Czech canonist, has sold his Olympic gold and silver medals after claiming that the Games had been bought by politicians and sponsors, it was reported in Prague yesterday. Pollert sold his silver medal won in the Canadian singles in Atlanta and his gold medal from the 1992 Games in Barcelona to a Prague investment brokerage, the Czech CTK agency said.

The agency said that Pollert and the firm had agreed not to reveal how much was paid for the medals, which will be displayed in company head-quarters. They don't [stage the Games] for sportsmen, only for politicians and sponsors." Pollert was quoted as

Avenger Chang

Tennis: Michael Chang, the No I seed, finally won the Infinti Open title in Los Angeles, on his fourth appearance in the final. He beat Richard Krajicek 6-4, 6-3 to avenge his defeat in the 1993 final. "It feels" great to win here," Chang, who grew up nearby, said.

Gascoigne delay

Football: Paul Gascoigne, of Rangers, looks likely to miss the start of the season in Scotland. Gascoigne is sus-pended for both legs of the European Cup Champions' League preliminary round tie, when Rangers meet Alania Vladikaykaz, of Russia, and an Achilles injury seems cer-tain to delay his start to the domestic programme.

Roses dilemma

Cricket: Yorkshire will make a last-minute decision over whether Michael Bevan plays in their NatWest Trophy semifinal against Lancashire at Old Trafford on August 13. Bevan, the Australia lefthander, has to fly home later that day to join a training camp in preparation the short tour of Sri Lanka.

Maske to retire Boxing: Henry Maske, 32.

from Germany, the International Boxing Federation world light-heavyweigh champion, says that he will retire after meeting Virgil Hill. of the United States, on October 12.

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88, 70, 74, 286: A Fullwith 70, 71, 71, 73; B
Jones 70, 71, 68, 76, Other scores: 286: M
Figuetae-Dotti (Sp) 70, 71, 72, 73; C
Machan (GB) 71, 70, 75, 70, 280: 3
Stephenson (Ala) 73, 71, 71, 72, 280: K
Marshall (SB) 69, 72, 74, 74, 286: C Pleros
(GB) 71, 75, 77, 70; P Wright (GB) 71, 72, 73
75, 75, 284: C Nelsmark (Swel) 71, 75, 74, 286: S
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LOS ANGELES: Marris tourrument: Final: M Chang (US) bt R Krajicak (Holf) 6-4, 6-3

TODAY'S FORUMES

Uefa Cup

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Bristol City v
Sristol Rovers (7 45): Bromsgrove Rovers v
Hereford United (7.45): Fullmant v Curens
Park Rangers (7 45): Grethe v Cartiele
United (70): Inter Cable-Tel v Cartiele
United (70): Inter Cable-Tel v Cartiele
United v Botton Wanderbers (7 45): Rushdern
and Demonds v Arsenal (7 45): Sounthorpe
United v Bernsley; Wasterd v Oxford United
(7.45): Wycombe Wanderes v
Southempton (7 45): Leak Town v Crewe
Alexandru; Oxford City v Stough Town,
Northampton Town v Ipswich Town (7 45) CRICKET

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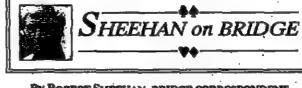
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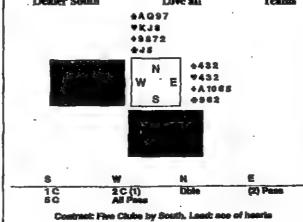
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By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Look at this defensive problem from East's point of view. (The hands East can see are in plain text. The unseen hands are the ones in shaded boxes.) Dealer South



(1) Showing a major twosuiter. (2) General values.
If at trick two West switches

to the king of diamonds, what should East do? If West's king of diamonds is singleton, it may be necessary to overtake and give him a ruff. That doesn't quite hold water -that would mean that South had four diamonds and seven clubs, and in that case, he would not be able to take finesses in both majors. Mayhe if you duck the king of diamonds West will do something foolish like try to give you a heart ruff? Also doesn't quite add up, but at any rate playing low may give West a chance to go wrong. Now see what actually hap-

pened at the table. West was Malcolm Harris, playing for the English team that won the

recent European Maccabean Invitational tournament. He switched to a low diamond at trick two, which gave East no chance to go wrong - he won the ace and returned one, to beat the contract by one.
Note that it was necessary

for West to switch to diamonds. It was likely on the bidding that South had seven clubs, so he was threatening to make eleven tricks by taking finesses in both hearts and spades. Even if he had only six clubs he would still have eleven tricks if he held the ace of diamonds. So a diamond was called for, and the low one removed any chance of East having a problem. Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in

Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

YOUNGBERRY a. A sort of loganberry b. A new boy at Shrewsbury c. A milk tooth TALLENSI

a. Gambling with twigs b. An Irish epic c. A Ghanaian people

By Philip Howard a. Organ in a bedbug b. A contraceptive

TUPAN

a. A governor b. A camp-fire billycan c. A Chinese boat

c. Corsican tribal how

Answers on page 42



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13 0-0

14 hvg5 15 Bg8. 16 Ref

18 d5 19 dxe6+

22 Bt7+

25 bac3

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Karpov's Record

The amazing and indefatigable Anatoly Karpov, for from resting after his gruelling maich victory against Gata Kamsky in the FIDE world championship, travelled almost at once to the powerful international tournament in Biel, Switzerland. There, the 45-year-old FIDE champion notched up his 139th tournament victory, a world record which it will be virtually impossible to assail. 23 Cg4+

Nevertheless, aithough declared victor on tie-break, Karpov had to share top honours with the naturalised Swiss grandmaster, Vadim Milov, who won a partico larly brilliant game against Tony Miles, of Britain, in the final round.

White: Vadim Milov Black: Tony Miles Biel, August 1996

Eaglish Defence o4 Nc3 a3 Ni3 e4 Be3

27 Bxd5+ Black resigns Diagram of final position

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Biel final crosstable

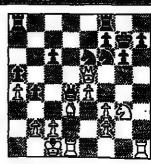


in the above crosstable, 1 represents a win, 1/2 a draw and 0 a loss.

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Zapata - Schussler, Santa Clara 1996. White has opened dangerous. lines on the kingside against Black's king. Can you spot the. fine combination with which he now completed the job?

Solution, page 42



CRICKET: WASIM LEADS FROM FRONT IN SUMMARY DISMISSAL OF DURHAM BEFORE SECOND TEST

Pakistan ready to shuffle pack for Headingley

CHESTER-LE-STREET: The Pakistanis beat Durham by

IT took the Pakistanis 26 overs to make the 134 they needed to beat Durham and, although the abominable pitch still held a few terrors, they lost only three wickets along the way. Asif Mujtaba secured one end for 19 unbeaten runs as his partners went for their shots at the other. It felt like end-ofterm cricket, not preparation for an important Test match.

Little Asif had good reason to apply himself because, when that Test begins at Headingley on Thursday, there may be a place for him. Aamir Sohail, the opening batsman, saw a specialist in Leeds last night for advice on the arm injury that kept him out of this match and he must be a doubtful starter. It would be a considerable loss for the Pakistanis, as he is a handy fifth bowler as well as a very good and reliable batsman.

If he is unavailable, Pakistan can slide Shadab Kabir, who made his Test debut at Lord's, into the opening spot, alongside Saeed Anwar, and bring in Asif to reinforce the middle order, either at No5 or, if Salim Malik is dropped, one place lower. Salim did not have a distinguished match, bowled off a no-ball yesterday by Killeen when he was nought, and then "boxed" by Wood before he hit the win-

By dropping Salim, Paki-stan could then include the talented 19-year-old off spinner, Saglain Mushtaq, who took six wickets in this match and once again revealed himself to be a capable cricketer. Wasim Akram, who made a

brisk half-century here and is a noticeably relaxed captain, could promote himself to No 7 in the order, which is not too great a risk for a batsman of

First of all, the Pakistanis will want to have a look at the Headingley pitch, which will have more grass on than Lord's, as England seek to shift the balance of the series from swing to seam. There is a bit of kidology in all this, as if all the Pakistanis can do is swing the old ball. They won't bother too much about the



pitch they find at Leeds, because they have the bowlers to win any match.

Wasim was in his element with the ball against Durham. adding four second innings to the three he earned on Saturday. Despite reducing his run, and pace, the batsmen had no answer to the range of his bowling from over and round the wicket. He conceded 19 runs in as many overs, the wastrell He needs nine more wickets for 300 in Tests and nobody should bet against his achieving his third "century" of his remarkable career at

Brown, caught at short leg as he fended off a short ball, and Saggers, bowled, were his victims yesterday, after Durharn resumed on 96 for seven. Roseberry, batting with a fractured right index finger, went in between, bowled as he advanced to drive Saqlain. For this innings and his unbeaten 93 on the first day, when his finger was cracked, the Durham captain was named man of the match.

The award might easily have gone to Brown, whose two wickets yesterday gave him seven in a losing cause. He never gets too worked up about his successes and his apparent lack of ambition may count against him in the long run, but Durham could do with a few more like him. Saeed was caught down the legside and ljaz, who batted like a man in a hurry, was leg Inzamam, as everybody

knows, does not like running any more than he has to and this mood suited the Pakistanis, who clearly wanted to get to Leeds as soon as possible. After spanking strokes to the boundary on both sides of the wicket, he skied an attempted pick-up to

Ligertwood, With II runs needed, Morris, the acting captain, gave Robin Weston a go with his leg spin and Salim, a part-time leggie himself, smashed his first ball to the cover boundary. Weston, like his Worcestershire-based brother, was christened with three names, the last of them, intriguingly, Swann. So there is at least one reader of Proust in the North



Saced drives to the boundary during the Pakistanis' victory. Photograph: Carl Rutherford

assuredly have declared earli-

er. Then again, they would

have bowied out their oppo-

Such wickets as Simmons's

bowlers gave him now came

only intermittently. Mullally,

who relished some uneven

bounce that he found at one

end, struck Fordham on the

belmet before having him

caught at second slip. Walton

and Capel were leg-before to

Pierson, swinging across the line. The ball that removed

latter kept decidedly

nents themselves.

FOOTBALL

Burns turns to familiar faces for Uefa Cup

By Kevin McCarra

THE journey to Kosice, for the Uefa Cup preliminary round first-leg tie this afternoon, has forced Celtic to a return to the past. Injury has stripped the side of its summer signings, with Alan Stubbs left behind and Paolo Di Canio unlikely to play much part in the game, so Tommy Burns, the manager. is compelled to revert to last season's line-up for the match with the Slovakian club.

He is at least compensated by the knowledge that rapport should be increased in a unit composed of familiar faces. While Celtic won their preseason match against Arsenal. in which the new purchases were hurt, the team looked disjointed. Assimilating the fresh arrivals may be a project best postponed when there are European opponents to be

In any case, Burns does have some reasons for opti-mism. The injury-prone Phil O'Donnell has been healthy throughout the pre-season period and could now be ready to provide, on a regular basis, the thrust in midfield for which he was bought two years ago. In central defence, Brian O'Neil appears to have completed the long recovery from knee surgery and has enjoyed a successful pre-season after being encouraged to be more aggressive by Burns. The match with Kosice should be a thorough exami-nation not only of Celtic's

physical well-being but also of their accomplishment. The Slovakians possess their country's leading scorer from last season, Robert Cemenak, and, with substantial backing from sponsors, are attempting to overturn the domination c') Slovan Bratislava. Aberdeen, Scotland's other

Uefa Cup representatives, can scarcely spare time to agonise over Zalgiris Vilnius, their adversaries in Lithuania to-day, when their own problems are demanding so much attention. Roy Aitken's side lost 3-1 to Everton at Pittodrie on Saturday, rounding off a pre-paratory period that has included five defeats in seven matches.

The manager still awaits a work permit for Tzanko Tzvetanov, the Bulgaria defender, and is attempting to make other signings to add to his single purchase, Ilian Kiriakov, another Bulgarian, but an improved performance will have to be conjured from the existing squad this The situation is all the more

frustrating since Aberdeen might normally have been trusted to defeat Vilnius, who only survived the earlier part of the preliminary round with a flustered 3-2 aggregate vic-tory over the Irish dub, Crusaders. Aitken is also likely to be without Scott Booth, the forward, who was injured on

Italian's demands too high for Wednesday

By Peter Ball

SHEFFIELD Wednesday yesterday abandoned their attempt to sign Attilio Lombardo, the Juventus winger, when he demanded a salary of El.7 million a year.

The player's expectations were such that we had to pull out," Graham Mackrell, the Wednesday secretary, said. The offer we made him would have made him one of the highest paid players in England, but we were not prepared to go down a path that whould have meant us

paying crazy money. Middlesbrough, too, are finding that signing an Italian is not plain sailing. They are hoping that international clearance will come through for Fabrizio Ravanelli this morning, in time for him to make his debut against Juventus, his former club, in Cesena this evening.

Ravenelli was forced to miss Middlesbrough's matches against Parma and Modena over the weekend when Juventus refused to release the clearance until the first instalment of the transfer fee war

"There isn't a problem," Keith Lamb, the Middlesbrough chief executive, said yesterday. The money has been paid, but it took 24 hours to telex it out, and, by the time it arrived on Friday, it was too late for it to be cleared." Manchester United hope to

have Jordi Cruyff's transfer finalised this week, while Karel Poborsky, their £3.5 million signing, trained with them yesterday. Poborsky is likely to make his United debut at some stage in the FA Charity Shield on Sunday.

Chris Wright, the music entrepreneur, yesterday as-sumed control of Queens Park Rangers, and promised that money would be available to strengthen the team. Gillingham have

forced to cancel their match against Portsmouth tonight because of high policing costs.

Leicestershire pay price for captain's caution by historical essentially a collection of aver-Raymond Illingworth, would



Curran: aggressive

LEICESTER (final day of four): Leicestershire (9pts) drew with Northamptonshire

JUDGING the timing of a declaration is one of the most difficult aspects of captaincy. Phil Simmons, leading Leicestershire for the first time in a championship match, had a stab at doing so yesterday. He left Northamptonshire to make 296 off what, ultimately, was 59 overs. and that, on a pitch giving his spinners some help, proved insufficient time to bowl them out.

rivairy was hard to ascertain. That they go to the top of the table, ahead of Yorkshire as well as Surrey, was entirely due to being rewarded for gaining a draw. The three points that they received amount to their lead of the

championship. Although they had won their four previous championship matches and Pierson and Brimson obtained some turn, Leicestershire could only contemplate bowling Northamptonshire out for a second time. As was the case when they came so close to becoming champions under Nigel Bri-To what extent the thinking ers two years ago, they are

age players who make the most of their ability. Take Maddy. His century

was the first of his career and

hence was an important innings. It did. though, take almost six hours and he took 16 balls to make the allimportant run at a time when Simmons was looking to deciare. Rather than do so at lunch, when Maddy was unbeaten with 99, he chose to continue batting afterwards, and, when that elusive run was finally scored, it was as a result of a misfield Ambrose.

When Curran came in and A Leicestershire captain of took the attack to the bowlers in his pugilistic way, Norththe past, such as Tony Lock or

amptonshire's requirements unrealistic. At the start of the last hour,

which nowadays is 16 overs, they needed 146, six wickets intact. In the kind of form that Curran was in - 150 on Saturday, an unbeaten half century on Sunday - he might as well have had a go. His difficulty was retaining partners. Loye was stubbornly effective, but was in no mood to attempt to make rapid runs; Penberthy went without scoring to Pierson.

leading Leicestershire will have to take a greater risk than their captain did here.

Lampitt piles on misery for Kent

By JACK BAILEY

his crease.

CANTERBURY (final day of four): Worcestershire (24pts) bt Kent (6) by 192 runs

GLORIOUS weather and delightful surroundings, but otherwise it has been a Canterbury cricket festival which Kent will want to forget. It began with the news that they had lost one captain (Benson) and mislaid his successor (Marsh, with a broken finger). Then there was that traumatic ten-wicket defeat on Sunday, not to mention Mark Ealham's injury. Yesterday brought comprehensive defeat Worcestershire in the championship, Kent's first loss of the season, as they were bowled out for 108 runs in two hours and 20 minutes.

Daryl Foster, the Kent coach, expressed their determmation to overcome what he termed "a blip". While admitting that Kent's approach to batting last on a highlysuspect pitch had been too frenetic, he pointed to the immense advantage attached to winning the toss and having a player such as Graeme Hick to take advantage of it.

For many, though, there was one further ingredient to be added. That lay in the contributions of Rhodes and Lampitt for Worcestershire. When Worcestershire's first innings was in danger of subsiding, these two added 159 for the seventh wicket. Yesterday, their contribution to Worcesteshire's lead of 300 was an unbroken stand of 76.

A silly run-out began Kent's headlong decline. Fulton played into the covers and called, unwisely, for a single: Walker declined and the throw of Curtis, coming in from mid-off, easily beat Fulton's hasty scramble to regain

After that, only Fleming's forthright treatment of any-thing remotely pitched up reaped any kind of harvest. Others attempted similar taetics and perished. The ball came through at varying heights and Sheriyar and Lampitt had only to bowl line and length against batting more cavalier than staunch.

After Walker had fished for a wide one, Hooper and Llong fell to successive balls from Sheriyar. When Ward holed out from a skier to mid-off, five wickets were down for 53, Sheriyar had taken three for four in 15 balls and the end was in sight. After Fleming departed for 31. Lampitt duly polished off the tail.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 458 for 9 dec (G.A. Hick 148, S.R. Lampin 88, K.R. Spiring 71, S.J. Rhodes 68)

T S Curtis c Wiles b Headley
W P C Weston c Putton b McCague
G A Hick b McCague
'T M Moody b Headley
K R Spiring c Hooper b Headley
V S Salariu b Headley
S J Rhodes ned FALL OF WICKETS. 1-1, 2-78, 3-82, 4-86.

KENT: First mings 386 (C.L. Hooper 76, M J Walker 57, S.R. Lampitt 4 for 92)

I Welker 57, S R Lampitt 4 for 92)
Second imnings
) P Futton run out
1 J Walker c Rhodes b Moody
R Ward c Elie b Shenyar
C L Hooper law b Shenyar
J Llong b Shenyar
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J Long b Curits b Shenyar
J Welter C Lampit
W Headley b Lampit
W Patel b Lampit
M Patel b Lampit Total 198 FALL OF WICKETS 1-18, 2-18, 3-34, 4-34, 5-53, 6-79, 7-94, 8-108, 9-108 BOWLING. Sheryar 16-6-58-4; 7-2-22-1; Lampit 8.4-3-25-3

Umpres: H D Bird and J W Holdes

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS **Tetley's Challenge Series** Durham v Pakistanis CHESTER-LE-STREET (final day of fines): Pakislants beat Durham by seven DURHAM: First Innings 307 (M A Roseberry 93 not out) Second Innings

L Campbell b Ala-ur-Rehman

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-5, 3-14, 4-15, 5-47, 6-87, 7-88, 8-103, 9-131. BOWLING: Wasm Akram 18 4-10-19-4; Ara-ur-Rehman 18-3-59-2; Asil Mujtaba 3-0-8-1, Saqlein Mushtaq 16-7-37-3; Safirn Mulik 1-0-1-0.

PAKISTANIS: First Innings 309 (Wasun Akram 68, Rashid Latif 55; S.J.E. Brown 5

Total (3 wids) 134
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-60, 3-101.
BOWLING: Brown 7-1-19-2, Wood 8-1-49-0; Saggers 3-1-17-0; Killsen 6-3-0-43-1; Weston 1-0-6-0. Umplies: G I Burgess and N T Plens.

Britannic Assurance county championship Leicestershire v Northamptonshire LEICESTERSMINE: First healings, 422 (V J Webs 204, P V Simmons 75, J N Snape 4 for 42)

Extras (b 1, lb 12, w 1, nb 4) Total (7 wids dec) 298 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-26, 3-31, 4-143, 5-206, 6-267, 7-286 BOWLING: Ambrose 13-1-34-2, Taylor 11-0-36-1: Snape 38-13-93-1; Emburey 33 5-6-99-1, Penberthy 8-2-23-0 33 5-6-99-1, Percently and NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First limings N

"A Foreham c Parsons b Mullally .

M B Love low b Pierson ...

T C Walton low b Pierson ...

D J Capel low b Pierson ... Total (5 wids) 212 FALL OF WICKETS, 1-45, 2-69, 3-123, 4-

80WLING, Multally 14-4-85-1, Parsons 21-8-56-0; Brimson 5-1-11-0; Pierson 18-5-49-4; MacMillan 1-0-9-0 Umpires R Julien and J D Bond. Nottinghamshire v

Glamorgan WOFKSOP (final day of lour) Glamorgal (23pts) beat Nottinghamshire (0) by eigh

Total ______24 FALL OF WICKETS, 1-68, 2-69, 3-119, 4 127, 5-189, 6-232, 7-238, 8-238, 9-238 8CWLING: Wathin 11-3-23-1, Gibeon 26:3-7-67-3; Croft 35-8-92-3, Kendindi 13-5-31-3, Butcher 3-0-18-0.

BOWLING: Carns 7-3-14-0, Bowen 4-0-21-1, Afford 15-6-39-0; Evens 3-1-10-0; 956es 10-3-0-39-1

Umpires. B Dudleston and K J Lyons.

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Kent (18)
Sussex (15)

Gibson provokes rapid collapse

BY SIMON WILDE

WORKSOP (final day of four): Glamorgan (23pts) beat Nottinghamshire (6) by seven

OTTIS GIBSON has been one of the less conspicuous over-seas players of 1996 but he was very much at the heart of things as Glamorgan secured their second successive championship victory yesterday. Gibson's post-lunch spell of three for six in 39 balls kept his team's fourth-innings target to manageable proportions and they had won the match with ease 55 minutes after tea.

Gibson was playing only his third championship match of the season because of injury and illness — he missed seven weeks because of a hernia operation - and before his visit to this northern outpost of Nottinghamshire was sport-ing a most un-West Indian first-class bowling analysis of 37.4-0-228-0. He took six wickets on a slow pitch here and looked something like the finished article.

After Nottinghamshire resurned yesterday in the precarious position of 105 for two still 13 runs in arrears -Gibson's first important act was to catch Robinson on the square-leg boundary. Robinson, who has the mental application to make light of such rearguard actions, had added nine to his overnight 52 when he experienced a rush of blood and pulled the hall into

Gibson's grateful hands. Croft soon accounted for another key wicket, that of but that only brought Cairns to the crease to quickly alter the balance of the match. In typically flowing style, he moved to a halfcentury from 49 balls and by lunch he had scored 70 from 67 balls with 12 fours and a

Kendrick had dispatched the limpet-like Metcalfe but Glamorgan spent the interval rueing the absence of Watkin, who had injured a knee, and assessing their opponents scope for turning a lead of 114 into one of more than 200. which might have been tricky to pass on a turning pitch and with the clock ticking.

Gibson ended all such speculations, though not without a little help from Cairns himself. His first ball after lunch was the gentlest of looseners. Its pace utterly confounded Cairns, who spooned it back for Gibson to complete a leaping catch at the second attempt. In the next over, Kendrick pulled off a return catch of his own to dismiss Evans, but this one was an absolute stunner: taken above his head off a full-blooded

Mike followed later in Kendrick's same over and Gibson was soon to put paid to Bates and Bowen. Nottinghamshire had lost their last five wickets for nine runs in 75 balls after lunch and Glamorgan were left ample time to

They lost James - the firstinnings double-century maker
— for nought, bowled by a tidy away-swinger from Bowen, but some assured boundaries from Morris, who passed 1,000 runs for the season for a ninth time, soon calmed their nerves, after which it became only a matter of time.

Even then, the cricket remained absorbing, as Morris and the promising youngster, Alun Evans, grappled to keep Bates and Afford at bay.

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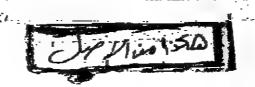
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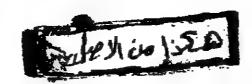
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THE TIMES THE WORLD'S TOP TEN RUNMAKERS TOKEN 2





RACING: 1,000 GUINEAS FAVOURITE TO MISS DEAUVILLE ENCOUNTER WITH ZAMINDAR

Dazzle on hold until Cheveley Park

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

DAZZLE, ante-post favourite for next year's 1,000 Guineas. is to miss her projected en-counter with Zamindar, who dominates betting for the 2,000 Guineas, at Deauville a week on Sunday. The speedy filly now heads for the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket in October.

The Prix Morny came within Dazzie's compass after she landed the Cherry Hinton Stakes in effortless fashion three weeks ago. But connections have adopted a longerterm strategy for the daughter of Gone West, who remains

MARCHARD EVANS

Nap: FABULOUS MTOTO Next best: Kings Harmony (3.00 Brighton)

unbeaten after two outings. After the Cheveley Park Stakes, Dazzle will retreat into winter quarters in preparation for the 1,000 Guincas,

Michael Stoute, who trains Dazzle, said yesterday: "The French race was just a possibility. It is a group one race and prestigious in its own right, but the plan is to head for the Cheveley Park. It is not so much the presence of anything in France as what is best for the filly. She will go straight to Newmarket without another race."

Stoute indicated after the Cherry Hinton that he would pick Dazzle's targets selectively. He immediately ruled out the Lowther Stakes at York, which would have required Dazzle to carry a penalty. Although mouth-watering for the public, it was always



Nash House returns for the Rose Of Lancaster Stakes at Haydock on Saturday. Photograph: David Hastings

unrealistic to expect horses of Dazzle and Zamindar's potential to lock horns so early in their respective careers.

John Marsh, assistant manager at Cheveley Park Stud, which owns Dazzle, confirmed the Prix Morny was one of many options. "We also en-

tered her in the Nunthorpe Stakes even though we have Pivotal earmarked for that race," he said, "It was always in the back of Michael's mind to go directly for the Cheveley Park Stakes. She is developing all the time and that is the

3.00 HANNENGTONS OF BRUSHTON HANDICAP

3.30 BRIGHTON CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP (£3,496: 1m 3f 196yd) (5 namers)

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(3-Y-0: £3,207: 6t 209yd) (6 runners)

Long handicap: Princessa Lyphard 7-7

Further to Dazzle's removal from Prix Morny calculations, Peter Chapple-Hyam, the Manton trainer, is almost certain to bypass the French contest with Ocean Ridge. The Storm Bird filly finished five lengths behind Dazzle in the

Cherry Hinton before carry-

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nine days ago.

A Prix Morny attempt was later mooted but Ocean Ridge, together with her stable companion Carmine Lake, is now under consideration for the Heinz '57' Stakes in Ireland on Sunday. Whichever filly

misses the group one jest is likely to tackle the Lowener Stakes, in which Stoute will be represented by Moonshine Girl.

Chapple-Hyam is eagerly anticipating the return of Nash House, one-time Derity invouring who turns out in the Rose Of Lancaster Stakes at Haydock on Saturday. He reported the horse clear of the viral infection that compromised him in the Da Stakes, but warned that Nash House would improve greatly for the race.

"I believe Nash House is a very good horse," Chapple-Hyam said. "He could hardly stand up after the Dante. He lost a lot of weight over the next two weeks, so we gave him six weeks off. We have brought him back slowly and he is now doing well." Both Nash House and his halfbrother, Spectrum, hold the Arc engagement, but only one will line up in Paris.

Among those entered against Nash House at Haydock is Glory Of Dancer, fourth in the Derby and narrowly deleated in France on his latest start. But the colt is most unlikely to run. His trainer. Paul Kelleway, said yesterday: "I want to get some serious work into the horse before the International Stakes at York. I thought the race might cut up to three or four runners but there is a strong entry."

Kelleway added that Lear

White, inched out of the Goodwood Cup by Grey Shot, would be aimed at the Arai-Pokal in Germany a week on Sunday. That race is also on the agenda for Singspiel, who returns to fast work later this week after a foot abscess ruled him out of the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Dia-

Newmarket has to find new Guineas sponsor

announced that it is looking for new sponsors for the L000 Guineas and 2,000

This season, Pertemps stepped in just weeks beforehand to support the two races and the Jockey Club Stakes at what was believed to have been a discounted rate. But the employment agency is not prepared to meet the asking price for supporting the three events next year. Nick Lees, the Newmar-

ket clerk of the course, said: "We have had a meeting with Pertemps, whose help we greatly appreciate, and the company has said that it is not able to come up with the asking price.
Tim Watts, the Pertemps

chairman, has also stated that if we cannot find anyone else. Pertemps is prepared to sponsor the Guiness meeting for a lesser sum. It is reassuring to know that we have a fallback position.

"We are now looking for a sponsor, although we have no one specific in mind," he said. "The package embraces the three major races - the two Guineas and the Jockey Club Stakes - and it would be nice to secure somewhere in the region of £250,000."

Lees added: "The meeting gets enormous coverage and the sponsorship represents good value. Ideally, I would like to have a sponsor in place by October."

The 1,000 Guineas and 2,000 Guineas were backed by General Accident, the insurance company, from 1984 until 1992, with Madagans providing sup-port in 1994 and 1995.

for last week's Glorious Goodwood Festival were up on the corresponding fig-ures for 1995, as was the amount bet at the Tote

during the five days.

The crowd figure for Tuesday to Saturday total-led 95,560 compared with 94,733 last year, an increase of 827. Saturday's attendance was the largest of the week at 22,560, with Tues-day having the smallest number through the turnstiles at 13,019.

The cash turnover for the meeting compared favour-ably with 12 months ago, with a total of £1,897,275 up £88,941 (5 per cent) on the 1995 figure of £1,808,334. Rod Fabricius, who is

Goodwood's clerk of the course and general manag-er, said: "Clearly, Saturday's crowd was very pleasing. The number of people on that day has risen for the last two years.

"Crowds over the five days were up overall and the Tote figures showed an increase every day but we are confronted by a challenge on the opening day of the meeting with an attendance then which is significantly lower than the rest of the

"We moved the Vodac Stewards' Cup from the Tuesday to the Saturday in 1993 and, while that has clearly worked extremely well, we need another very good handicap, worth around £50,000, on the

opening day.
"We will be addressing this and other matters, such as doing more to attract overseas runners for our showpiece race, the group one Sussex Stakes."

BRIGHTON

2.00 Tear White 2.30 Uncle George 3.00 Kings Harmony 3.30 CANTON VENTURE (nup)

The Times Private Handicupper's top rating:

DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2,00 JIMMY HEAL MEMORIAL TROPHY NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0; £3,499; 5f 59yd) (8 runners)

FORM FOCUS

SKYERS FLYER 4341 3rd of 8 to Temblewood Point In conditions race at Thirts (8), firm), BOLD APPA-CAM best Under Pressure 11 to 9-ramer survey at Thest (5), good to firm), BLAZING CASTLE best Meryletone 3 to 6-tember market at Beerstey (6).

2.30 STANMER CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,381: 71 214yd) (7 ninners)

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Selection: UNICLE GEORISE

2.15 Risky Rose, 2.45 Allinson's Mate, 3,15 Peartree House, 3.45 Spinning Mouse, 4.15 Pharty Dancer.

CALTERICK

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (FIRM IN PLACES)

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW BEST 2.15 REVERLEY WESTWOOD SELLING STAKES (\$2,238; 1m 7! 177yd) (6 numers)

| 127 | 400 PEARLESS WONDER 17 (V.F.G) bin Revelop 5-9-8 K Darley 107 | 400 PEARLESS WONDER 17 (V.F.G) bin Revelop 5-9-8 K Darley 108 | 21 (D.F.G) B Hobrashead 4-9-6 D Galleins (S) 108 | 103 | 0 CLOVER GIRL 10 (V) B Shaton 5-9-3 | J Table 10 | 104 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 10 5-4 Febriess Wander, 7-4 Risky Rose, 4-1 District Storm, 6-1 others.

2.45 DONCASTER TOWN MOOR HANDICAP

> RACELINE BRIGHTON IO 20 CATTERICK IO 20 MM FULL RESULTS SERVICE 168

3.15 PONTEFRACT PARK CONDITIONS STAKES 301 (2) 5120 GRATE TIMES 12 (CD.S) E Vieymer 8-1 . J Fortuno 9-302 (3) 414 PEARTREE HOUSE 28 (BF.F) B Hole 9-1 ... X Faller 8-303 (1) 4011 LUCKY GAIGNOOD 10 (D.S) M Bell 8-10 . M Funton 90 ation House, 7-4 State Times, 3-1 Luciny Columbia

3.45 REDCAR, REPORT & THIRSK HANDICAP

11-4 Spirating Mouse, 3-1 Shreighte Reight, 7-2 Tousson Early, 4-1 Whodyedge 5-1 Suphlet Spin, 8-1 Sharp Seltration, 16-1 Go-Go-Power-Ranger, 20-1 salars. 4,15 WETHERBY STEEPLECHASES CLANAMIC STAKES (\$2,679: 1m 3f 214yd) (10)

5-2 Los Alarsos, 3-1 Phony Dancer, 7-2 Rechas Rader, 4-1 Millionic, 9-2 Tallo Tree. 14-1 ANI Farm Blazo, 16-7 attens.

4.45 YORK IDIAYESHIRE HANDICAP (£2,658: 51) (9)

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TRANERS: 6 Hils. 18 winners flum 62 manes. 42.9%. Mrs. M. Reveley, 24 knm 194, 23.1%, N. Takler. 4 knm 18, 22.2%; T. Eastelby. 4 knm 19, 21.1%, T. Banno, 14 knm 81. 17.3%, M. Bell. 5 knm 32. JOCKEYS: F Lynch, 3 minutes from 9 states, 33.9%, L Mandon, 3 from 12, 25.0%, K Darley, 29 from 146, 19.9%, J Canod, 29 from 166, 17.5%, K Fallon, 15 from 86, 17.4%, J Fortune, 12 from 95, 12.2%

4.00 GORNIG SELLING MANDICAP (£2,070: 1m 3f 196yd) (10 runners)

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4.30 BLACK ROCK LIMITED STAKES (£2,381: 6f 209yd) (7 runners)

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YESTERDAYIS RESULTS.

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3.00 (59) 1, KABCAST (It Darloy, 10-1); 2, Good To Talk (M Sich. 12-1); 3, Young Ben (J Bramhill, 20-1); 4. Rotherfield Park (W Woods, 3-1). ALSO PAN: 13-8 to Palkum, 6 Imp Express, 12 First Option, Gondo, Members Welcome, Orange And Blue 60); 16 Nitrovia Resider, 25 Ho Mel Suppriss, 33 Plantaldedo (501, Super Sonata, Time Ticks On. Waverley Star. 16 xar. 31, ph. 31, 781, nh. D Chapman at York, Tota, 216 80, 23.10, 23.10, 23.00, 17.50, C1.80 OF. 258.00. Tito. 2458.30 (pan: worr, pool of 2419.65 carned toward to 245 at Cationotk today) CSF: £135 64. Tricast: £2,239.94 No bid.

3.30 Tim 10 1. GME ME A RIMG (D)

No bid.
3.30 (1m 1f) 1, GIVE ME A RING (D. McKeown, 11-4 ji-lav); 2, Kerneri (R Hills, 11-4 ji-lav); 3, Kerneri (R Hills, 11-4 ji-lav), 3, Halebiri (W. Wiscots, 3-1); ALSO RAN: 8 Hercotlen (40h), 11 Nose No Diugot (Gern (50h), Sueltach, 18 Reset, 20 Diegot (Gern (50h), 8 sen, 154, 3); sh hd, 22h, 29h, C. Thornton at Middelman, Tolar, 25,70; 21.50, 21.30, 21.30, DF. 26.30 CSF; 210.57. Titcast 221.45, 400 (6h. 1, BCM, LIN, Johanner (M. Rech.)

CSF: \$10.57. Tricast: \$21.45.

4.00 (6) 1. BOLLIN JOANNE (M. Bech.
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Wew (J. Carroll, 8-1). ALSO RAN' 7 Rock.
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(501), 9 Stylath Ways, 12 Larly Sharill, 30
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51.60, \$7.80, 52.60, DF: 527,00. This:
51.77 30, CSF: 53.63 Tricast: 241,20
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4.30 (1m 4f 60yd) 1. COURSE FISHING
(G Carter. 16-1): 2. Plosting Lime (K
Fation, 7-2 J-law); 3. Cumbrain Rhapsody (M Blach. 14-1). ALSO RAN. 7-2 Jfav Hawkish (Sib), 13-2 Clash Of Sancris
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2.15 (2m 16) 1, INDRAPURA (D. Bridgweiter, 11-8 lev); 2, Armapa (T. Descorbe, 10-1; 3, Night Titro (Mr G. Strotlén, 2-1); ALSO RAYE 6 Minnecota Fats (4th), 7 Karne Simbe (), 53 Galloping Gurts (5th), 40 Merio's Diestre (v), 100 On The Ledge (pu) 8 ran. Mr, 91, 100, 100; E1, 100; E1, 100, 100; E1, 100; E

24 SO DF: C11.20 CSF: C41.10.
3.15 (Sm 2110)c61; WANT & P McCoy.
11-4): 2. Southerly Gale (D Bridgweiter, Evens task; 3, Outer Of Lancaster (R Bellumy, 9-2), ALSO RAN-6 Your Leader (us), 40 Liberty Jennes (pa), 5 man. 11, dat. J. Wante at Wendower. Folia: C2.80; C1 30, C1 40. DF: S2.70. CSF: C5.84. ST 30, St. 40. DF: \$2.70. CSF: £5.84.

3.45 (2m 1) 1, VERDE LUNA (A P. Miccoy, 100-30); 2, Missed The Boat (A Thoman, 3-1) I-tand, 3, Garne Disernine (R Groene, 8-1) Also PANY 3-1 I-tan Mr. Sreggie (5h), 6 Stay With Me (6th), 9 Sitefriter (4th), 12 Gurmaiser (pd), 33 Medicij 8 mm 141, 151, 151, 151 D Arbuthnot at Complex. Tota 54.70; C1 70, E 80, E 210. DF: E 580 CSF: E13.75. Teleset E93.34

4.15 (2m 1), 1, KNDEPROARTEN BOY (T J Mayphy, 6-1); 2, Southarm Ridge (Mr. A Holdsworth, 25-1); 3, Multisy (C Maude, 11-2). ALSO RAN 11-10 fav Denomination (5th), 11-4 Courageous Kright (4th), 11 Don Tocino (5th) 8 mn. 81, 134, 351, dist, 294. K Balley at Upper Lambourn. Tole: £93.20; £3.00, 28.10. DF: £55.10. LSF: £101.07.

4.45 (2m 1.10)(d) 1, MANAMOUR (C Lewellyn, 17-4); 2, Noblely (R Farrard, 3-4 (av); 3, Flying Zind (Mr A Charles-Jones, 5-1), ALSO RAN: 100-30 Barnstar, 16 Tengo's Delojth (5th), 20 Prudent Peggy (5th), 66 Gableh (4th), 7 ran. 35), 31, 111, 161, 2. R Lab et Presteigne. Tota:

53.40, 51.90, \$1.50. DF. \$4.60. CSF:

28 (9: 5.15 (2m 18) 1, KARLASH (D Bridgweser, 2-7 text); 2, Rad Tel (C Maude, 8-1); 3, Kastenine's Song (B Powell, 50-1) ALSO RAN: 11-2 Dregon Py (8th), 16 Lucky Mo (4th), 33 Royal Seksa, 50 Luis Encounter (5th) 7 car. NR: Heading North 8t, 6f, 16t, 25t, M Pipe at Wellington, Tote £1.60, 21 (M Pipe at Wellington, Tote £1.60, 21 (10, £2.50 DF; £2.70 CSF; £3.25. Placapot: 2884.50. Quadoot: 287.90.

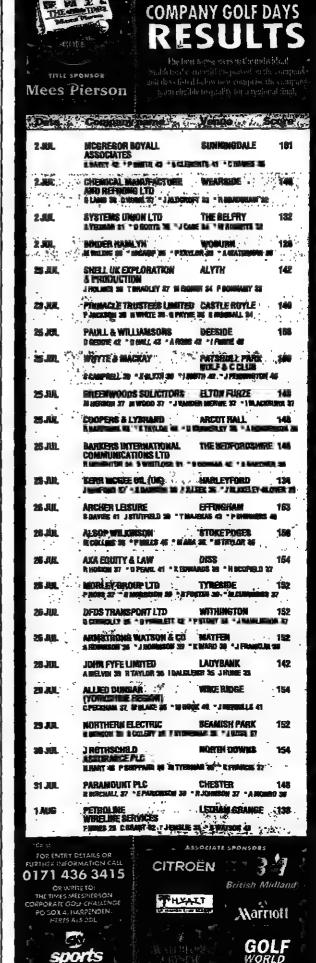
Hagwah heads British double

BRITISH raiders, Hagwah and Lord Jim, landed the two listed races at Leopardstown vesterday, both profiting from front-running tactics. Hag-wah, a 6-1 chance, defied top weight of 9st illb to run out a 12-length winner of the onemile Brownstown Stud Stakes for the Newmarket trainer, Ben Hanbury.

Lord Huntingdon was on hand to see his 5-1 chance, Lord Jim, ridden by David Harrison, capture the Challenge Stakes. Harrison gave the 5-1 chance a breather half a mile out, allowing the pack to close, but soon kicked clear again entering the straight.

> Boojum runs at Deauville

BARRY HILLS saddles Boojum (Michael Hills) in the 13runner Ell,858 Prix des Roches, a seven-furlong juvenile conditions event, at Deauville today. Boojum won a Nottingham maiden on his debut, then finished second to Recondite in the Weatherbys Superlative Stakes at New-



GCLF: BRITON CONTINUES TO DOMINATE THE WORLD STAGE WITH VICTORY IN DU MAURIER CLASSIC

Whirlwind finish brings Davies her fourth major

A RECENT poll of 50 newspapers worldwide came up with a list of the world's top sportswomen since 1980. Steffi Graf won by miles, followed by Jackie Joyner-Kersee and Gwen Torrence. Merlene Ottey was fifth and Sonia O'Sullivan sixth. In the middle of all the years to come, it is a nonsense

athletes, miraculously ranked the tour will have to correct. fourth, was Laura Davies, golfer and sportsperson extraordinaire. The miracle was that Davies, undoubtedly one of the world's leading performers, should be included at all, for women's golf, a sport at which Europe excels, has such a low profile. It continues to be under-

funded and underrated, with luminaries such as Davies and the Swedes, Annika Liselatte Neu-Sorenstam. mann and Helen Alfredsson having to make their money and their reputation in the United States. They are lucky to get any mention at all on radio and television and are usually tacked on as an afterthought.

Davies, however, is more than an afterthought. She is a genuine headliner and on Sunday she was making headlines again, winning the du Maurier Classic, the last major championship of the women's season, in the way that majors should be won, with a storming last round of 66, six under par, at the Edmonton Country Club.

It was her second major title of 1996 — she won the McDonald's LPGA championship in Delaware in May — and her fourth in all, pushing her inexorably towards the category reserved for all-time greats. Last year she won the LPGA for the first time and, in 1987. her third season as a professional, she indicated her potential with victory in the US

However, that win is not included in her total of victories by the LPGA because Davies was not a member of the US Tour at the time. Such intransigence reflects no credit on the LPGA and, as Davies will undoubtedly be a candi-date for the Hall of Fame in

Davies has now won 14 tournaments in North America and 45 worldwide. She has won five times already this season - three times on the US Tour, once in Europe and once in Japan. She tops the US money-list with \$626,491 (about £415,000) after this

> MAJOR WINNERS

latest cheque for \$150,000 and is second in the European Order of Merit with £70,570.

In Edmonton, the Englishwoman's total of 277, il under par, left her two shots ahead of Nancy Lopez, the legendary American, and Karrie Webb. the 21-year-old Australian who will be defending the Weetabix Women's British Open Championship at Woburn next week. Meg Mallon, the former US women's open champion who started the last round five strokes clear of Davies, finished fourth, on 280, after a round of 74 that she attributed to poor putting. Sorenstam, the US women's open champion, and Neumann shared sixth place on

In difficult conditions, Davies was the only player to break 70 on the last day fellow Britons, Catriona Matthew, who tied for twelfth, and Caroline Pierce, joint 49th, were the next best with rounds of 70 - and she dropped only one shot, at the 11th, a par three. The first of her seven birdies was at the 3rd, where she holed a bunker shot. "It was just one of those days. It was meant to be," she said.

Davies, 32, is renowned for long hitting that is almost Dalyesque but at the 7th, rated the toughest hole on the course, she demonstrated a maturity that should see her win many more titles. She hit a six-iron off the tee for position, put a wedge to ten feet and holed the putt.

Out in 32, three under par, she followed the rogue bogey at the 11th with birdies at the 12th and 13th and when she had further birdies at the 15th and 18th, to come home in 34, three under, she had set a target no one could match.

Winning a major is fabulous," the peripatetic Davies, who played in Dublin the week before Edmonton and will be at Gleneagles in Scot-land this week, said.

She now needs only the Nabisco Dinah Shore title to complete a set of championships. Patty Sheehan, who won the Dinah this year, for the first time in her distinguished career, is the only American woman with a major title in 1996 and the Europeans will be hoping to translate that dominance into success in the Solheim Cup at St Pierre in September.

Should Europe defeat the United States, to regain the trophy. Davies, who is already an MBE, will surely be made



Davies shows off the fruits of her labours after winning the du Maurier Classic

RADIO CHOICE

This blessed Cartland plot

You may not be particularly interested in what Dame Barbara Cartland and son Ian had for breakfast but you must put up with it to get to less banal matters. Sarah Kennedy questions them in the venerable novelist's peppermint green drawing room. Oddly enough Kennedy does not ask her why she chose that colour and not pink instead. Dame Barbara reveals she has a direct line to the Almighty. "I say to God: I want a plot and He gives me one." This could explain why her son says he has an abnormal mother though he would not change her for all the tea in China. Their musical tastes differ, country and western against a singing nightingale in Berkeley country and western against a singing nightingale in Berkeley Square. Can you guess who chooses which?

The Deep Season: Soundings. Radio 4, 2pm.

Jonathan Raban's three programmes — today's is the first — show how the sea, in all its moods, has influenced poets and novelists. The names of those you might expect. They include Conrad, who wrote about a killer wave looking like "a wall of green grass topped with snow". Coleridge, in whose Ancient Mariner the sea was like "a witch's oils, burnt green and blue and white"; Auden, who saw the sea as a "snate of barbaric vagueness and disorder out of which civilisation has emerged". Melville and Shelley also painted memorable seascapes but Jane Austen's oceanic miniature, done in rural watercolours, was unfamiliar to me. rural watercolours, was unfamiliar to me.

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FM Stareo 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Juck Spers 3.00 Ed Sawert 5.05 John Ourn 7.00 Hayes over Britain 8.30 Bob Holness and Friends 1.00 The National Festival of Music for Youth, with Richard Stigos 10.00 Theorer than Water. See Cholos 10.30 The Jemesons 12.05am Sus McGany 3.00 Alex Lester

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WORLD SERVICE

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Formby ladies take centre stage from the men

clubs like Formby Ladies' Golf Club anywhere in the world, for it is men are the associate members, with all the traditional restrictions on competition days, usually Saturdays, and no play until after 3pm on Sundays. Not that the men are deprived, however, for they must all be members of Formby Golf Club, from whom the women rent their course, which is laid out

inside the men's course.

Formby Ladies' was found-

one of the highlights of its Girls' British Open Amateur

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The whole club is on championship duty this week and next, when the girls' home internationals take place, with the members and associates, who include such luminaries as the current president of the Lancashire Union of Golf Clubs, helping to ball spot, pull trolleys and come to the aid of those in

going to stay.

Good-bye battery indication that the course is no pushover.

Patricia Davies visits the venue for the British Girls' Amateur championship

competitor, with an insouciance typical of the young. arrived without having given any thought to where she was At 5,374 yards, or 4,914 club would cherish".

metres, the course is not long, Wilson continued: "Because but last week, in perfect conditions, Sarah Gallagher, the English women's strokeplay champion, won the Leveret (so named because the men have a competition called the Formby Hare) with two rounds of 69, a total of just four under par. It was a strokes." tournament record and an

The British Girls' Amateur championship was last held here in 1977 and the club hosted it for the first time in 1965, when Enid Wilson, the girls' champion in 1925 and later a British champion of

the adult variety, described it as "a delightful links with some of the most testing short holes I have ever seen, the 5th and 12th being gems that any

it is short, some people thought it was not sufficiently testing for the championship. but if they played the course, the critics would discover it constitutes a good examination in control and demands a variety of

The course is very dry but the rough and heather are still tough enough. One observer was of the opinion that the girls might not make it beyoud the 11th, where, in practice at least, they tended to be greedy off the tee. Some fell foul of Mrs Gow's tree, which looks innocuous but is

slicers. Mrs Gow, who was never referred to by her Christian name of Elizabeth nor the course, was greens chairman from 1952 to 1967 and so many of her drives ended behind the said tree that it was named in her honour. She

threatened to cut it down but

aimie Harley, Mrs Gow's predecessor, who joined the club in 1902, was the first greens chairman when the women took over the running of the course in the 1920s. She was in charge of buying machinery and a mare, which was well within her compass, since she also ran the pony club. The mare, purchased in 1924 for £35, was stabled in the yard at Freshfield Station, three minutes' walk from the course. First-time visitors were instop too early, at Formby, and

find themselves in the middle of the town.

Eighty competitors have assembled from Europe and countries' main hopes lie with Rebecca Hudson, from Wheatley, the English girls' champion who was runner-up in 1994, and Laura Moffat, from West Kilbride, the Scottish under-21 champion. They both play off plus two. However. France has won the title for the last two years, Sweden and Spain have sent strong contingents and there are

competitors from Italy. In 1896, golf was not big in Italy; in 1977, at the conclusion of the British Girls' Amateur championship, the captain of Formby Ladies' made part of her speech in Italian, asking them to come back in 1996. they have returned in force. There are nine of them and all fortissimo. Goodness knows what Miss Harley and Mrs

am On Air, with Penny Gore. Schubert (Apogojone Sonabi in A minor, 0821); Howells (Three Dances, Op 7); Mendelssohn (Pselm 98; Singet den herm ein neues Lied); Lars-Erik Larsson (A Winter's Tale); D'india (Sovente all'hor); Durante

in A. La pazza)

9.00 Morning Collection with
Paul Gambacsinii. Includes
Schumann (Faritasiestucka, Op 12); Donizetti (Una funtiva taonma, L'alisis d'arnore); Tchaikovsky (String Quartet in

D. Cp 11) (Overture: Mozart); Haydn (Sinfonia Concertante in B flat); Bach (Prelude and Fugue in B flat minor, BWV 891); Ireland (Piano Trio No 2) 11.28 Sauer (Piano Concerto

No 1 in Emmon)
12.00 Composer of the Week;
Stravinsky
1.00 The BBC Orchestran BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Jerzy Makysmiuk, With Christine Caims, mezzo, Sibelius

Korsakov (Scheherazade) 2.30 Ensemble, Janet Hilton, charinet, Barnet Hilton, clarinet, Bernard Gregor-Smith, cello, Yolande Wingley, piano, Beethoven (Clarinet Trio in B flat, Op 11; Cello Sonata in D, Op 102 No 2)

3.15 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC Philharmonic, under Yan Pascal Tortelier. With David Golub, prano Bernstein (Overture: Candide):

John Williams (Film music: Reiders of the Lost Ark, Reiders' Merch); Gershwin (Suite: Calfish Row, Porgy and Bess); Souse (Merch:

Stars and Stripes Forever) talks about Basil, his pet bird Michael Colline, clarinet. Kathryn Stott, piano. Poulenc (Clarinet Sonata); Messagar (Solo de concours)

5.00 The Music Machine, with 5.15 in Tune. Glinka (Jota

aragonesa); Chopin (Variations in B flat on La cl derem, Don Giovanni); Copland (Clarinet Concerto) 7.30 B9C Proms 1996. Live from the Albert Hall in London, The Royal Philhamonic, under Peter Maxwell Davies, Nielsen

Overture: Helios); Maxwell Davies (Symphony No 6) 8.30 Poetry Proms. Robert Crawford reads from his collection Masculinity 8.50 Proms Park 2 Stielling (Collection Masculinity 8.50) Proms Part 2 Sibelius (Violin

9.45 The Colours of analy, mo. Philip Dodd (2/4) [10.05 Haydn and Bartok, Olga Dudnik, piano, Haydn (Sonatas in A, H XVI 43, in D, H XVI 42); Bartok (Three Studies, Op 18)
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11.30 Composer Of the Week:
Handel (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes
1.00 Through the Night

Offiah sets sights on Lions place

RUGBY UNION: COTTON PREDICTS INTERNATIONAL FUTURE FOR FORMER WIGAN WING

ILIGITY COURSESPONDENT

THE much-heralded return to rugby union of Martin Offiah creates the possibility of a belated international career for the former Wigan rugby league wing.

Indeed, Fran Cotton, who will manage the British Isles tour to South Africa next year, has alrady confirmed his interest. "Of all the players coming back [from rugby league], this is the biggest," Cotton said yesterday. "He's obviously a very talented player and we have got to see how he resettles into rugby union, but if he can produce the kind of form that he has done at Wigan, then he is going to be a

Probyn: comeback

strong contender for England and the Lions."

Offiah, who changed codes when he joined Widnes from Rosslyn Park in 1987, has agreed a four-year contract with Bedford, fortifying their hopes of promotion from the second division. A working arrangement to continue his rugby league career with London Broncos suggests that he could earn as much as El million before his playing

days come to an end. The translation between the two codes will be easier for a wing than for a forward and Offiah's feats in rugby league have earned him renown as in the world. It will not have escaped Offiah's attention. either, that, at 29, he has four years' advantage on the present occupant of the England left-wing position. Rory Underwood.

Most importantly, perhaps, Offiah wants to play at international level in union. "I'm extremely excited by the move to Bedford," he said. "The return to rugby union pro-vides me with a number of ambitions and challenges ... and I hope my performances will provide the perfect stage for me to impress the England and British Lions selectors." I think his very presence on

the field will frighten defences

England manager, who is Probyn on an open contract now Bedford's director of rugby, said. "Providing he readjusts to the slightly different demands of rugby union quite quickly, I would think he has got a good chance of getting into the England team.

Bedford were able to unveil a package containing two other internationals, Mike Rayer and Jeff Probyn, yesterday. The acquisiton of Rayer, the former Cardiff full back, was expected; the signing of

was not. Now 40, Probyn resumes his playing career. embracing 37 appearances as England's tight-head prop. after a season-long hiatus, during which he took up duties as a Rugby Football Union committee member and manager of the England Under-21 team. He will be valuable to Bedford in both capacities, as well as offering his knowledge

WORD-WATCHING

Agswers from page 39 YOUNGBERRY

(a) A dewherry derived from a cross made in Louisiana in 1905 between a blackberry and a dewherry; also, a fruit from this plant, similar to a logariberry. An eponym of B. M. Young (florait 1905), US horticulturist, who first produced it. TALLENSI

(c) An African people of Northern Ghana. Or the language spoken by this people, belonging to the Voltaic or Gur group of SPERMALEGE

(a) In Semale bedbugs, an organ in which sperm are received and stored. From the Latin sperma a seed + legere to gather, antieat. TUPAN (a) The civil governor of a Chinese province under the Republican regime. The Chinese word. "That process grew the crop of tochous, tupans, field marshals, and what not, so much heard of in these times. As originally used, the word tuchun was distinctly a military term, and tupan meant an officer who exercised civil authority, but in late years the terms are used indiscriminately."

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the alternative Jerusalem — a place of coffee shops and God (2/2) 10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Wommi's Hour 11.30 Medicine Now. Presented by 12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Riddoch 12.25pm Cross Questioned.

Caroline Quentin is joined by captains Richard Morton and Toby Longworth and their guests Francis Wheen and Nick Revell 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World of One, with Ben Brackhew 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

2.00 News; The Deep Sesson: Soundings. See Choice (1/3) 2.30 Dancing for a Living. Lynne Walker talks to the world's fastast lapper, the Insti-American dancer Michael Flatey (5/6)

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on topical issues
Science Now, News and leature on all the latest breakthroughs 8.30 Not Yet the Dodo, Noël

Covard's 1980s poem about wet-to-do parents who discover that their son is homosexual Read by Alex Jennangs Jennings 9.00 in Touch Pater White with news, views and information for visually impaired people 9.30 Kaleldoscope (r) 9.59

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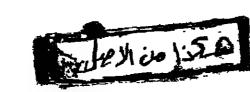
reads Lee Langley's novel.
Abridged by Yvonne Antrobus

Mediumwave. This week's events in the media around the world (r) Mitror in Music, in the first of a new senes, the Australian guitarist John Williams chooses music that describes the character and spirit of his native country (1/6) (r)

12.00 News incl 12.27am approx Weather

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12.30 The Late Book: The Secret
History. William Hope reads
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timiler, adapted by Brian
McCabe (7/15) 12.48
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World Service

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Hello, hello: the police have come back

ward. Lovely phrase, isn't it? Not quite in the "Hello, my name is Michael Caine league, but then again, not far off. And so evocative - past glories, righted wrongs, scruffy old rain-coats - five little words and we're away. Which, I suppose, is why it's so good for a spot of easy money these days, especially now the bottom has fallen out of the counter-intelligence market.

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Turn up, say "Hello, I'm Edward Woodward", make sure all your introductions end with three deadly dots ... and thank you very much. I'll have an elegantly-sized cheque, please, and be off to do some proper acting. But more of In Suspicious Circumstances anon. We have other hellos to deal with first.

For reasons that escape me, I only seem to remember two things about the first series of Out of the Blue (BBCI). The first was lots of

wobbly camera work shamelessly ripped off from NYPD Blue and the second was John Hannah lying in a large pool of blood. Last night's opening episode to series two still had the "point and pan" camera-work (slightly diluted, or are we just getting used to it?) and there was absolutely no sign of Hannah, Either I'd dreamt that bit or the experience had proved fatal. But what of the hellos? I'm just

coming to them. To cast one soap star can be anything from an act of charity to a creative masterstroke. but two . . . (don't worry, these dots are harmless), two is definitely pushing it. So no sooner had we said: "Hello, isn't that young Joe from EastEnders?" than it was "Hello, have you seen what Mar-garet from Brookside is doing on the floor with DC Allen?" Paul Nicholls, the current heart-

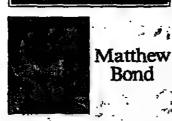
throb of Albert Square, had been

uglied up a bit for his temporary

posting up north - bit of stubble, a

still looked a little unconvincing as Matt, the wayward father of a missing baby. As the cynical DC Brazil (Neil Dudgeon) put it: "I'm amazed he wasn't snatched as icola Stephenson couldn't be uglied up if the BBC make-up department ried, which is convenient as,

playing the part of Lucy, she seems to have been cast as the highinterest for Allen (Darrell D'Silva) and, on the evidence of this brief intance, precious little else Still, it's early days. They met has night while Allen was investig ing her father's possibly illegal sec-life and got on rather better than police regulations would allow. I'd say that DC Allen is not the kind of officer to take advantage of his position in a situation like this," said his loyal and beautiful superior, DS Bennett (Orla Bra-



dy). Alas, her loyalty was misplaced. At that precise moment, Allen was taking advantage of the second adder to play the wife of bucy's precisions position coordinates. Both storylines were resolved in a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august with the phrase "no sooner" a stylish manner that august wit

night had just the sort of drama we need to get us through until

No soomer had Woodward popped up to say "Hello, I'm Edward Woodward" at the start of in Suspicious Circums (ITV) than up popped Joe's mum. Hello, isn't that Lorraine with her hair up? I wondered. Some nimble work with the pages of the Radio Times confirmed thy saspi-cions, it was indeed Jacqueline Leonard, taking a night off from

that my sister?" I thought. It didn't need the Radio Times to tell me that it was, so I spent much of the remaining 30 minutes worrying whether I should mention it. So now I have.

The balance of the time I spent worrying about something else entirely. For it later turned out that Arthur Goslett, the husband in question, actually had three wives figure that way inclined do you have to go straight from being a bigarnist to a polygamist or do you have a brief spell as a trigamist?

s well as distributing the deadly dots in his introduc-Ations (the consequences would be deadly ... " and "his passion for gambling ended in death..."). Woodward helped the reconstructions along with a bit of narration. On the basis of last night's two cases, the crimes have

him into trouble and Monday murdering bigamist. Hello, isn't been well chosen and sufficient time has passed (both stories were from the 1920s) for any risk of offence to be minimal. You can question the dialogue (after all, walls don't have ears, so how does anybody know what was said?) but you cannot question its impeccable delivery ... well, not if you're a brother.

Earlier, the evening had got under way with "Hello, isn't that Dr Thomas Stuttaford, The Times's medical columnist?" It was and very quickly it became clear that, to be more specific, it was Dr Stattaford being thrown to the lions on The Rantzen Report (BBCI). Dr Stattaford believes myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) is a form of depression, while Esther Rantzen and her far from impartial studio audience did not. As you would expect from a Times man, Dr Stuttsford went down fighting but it was still a dreadful sight to

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6.00am Business Breakfest (30438) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (61709) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (2270709)

9.20 Delia Smith's Summer Collection (r) (Ceelax) (s) (7880780).

Gournet Ireland. Return of the foodie series (s) (5224780) 10.20 FILM: The Happiest Days of Your Life (1950, b/w), Classic British comedy sat in the Second World War, A girls' school with evacuated to the country, but billeted with a boys' school. With Alestair Sim, Mergaret Rutherford, Guy Middleton and Joyce Grenfell. Directed by Frank Lauder. includes news at 11.00 (8998709)

11.50 Lifeline (r) (Caefax) (a) (8051761) 12.00 News and weather (Cestex) (1923898) 12.05pm The Aiphabet Game (s) (4193099) 12.35 Neighbours (Cee(ax) (s) (6924902) 1.00 News and weather (Ceelax) (64896)

1.30 Regional News and weather (42208051) 1.40 Small Talk (r) (Ceefax) (58254457) 2.10 Lovejoy (r) (Ceefax) (7715849) 3.00 Unspeakble Verse (r) (7052902) 3.20 The Flying Doctors (r) (Ceelax) (s) (9518490) 4.50 Knote Landing (r) (s) B409047)

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Fetz tiles to New York to see how that city caters for big women. Plos: how Olympio-style awimming costumes fare in a local pool (Ceefax) (a) (5815) 7.30 EastEnders. Joe drops David in at the

deep end, just as he and Lorraine agree to look to the future. Peggy hosts an important lunch for George (Ceefax) (s)

Pliding Sephents in Bot-evens (Caefee) (s) (1235) job with Ron may cover his trips to 1941 but it doesn't pay the bills (r) (Ceelax) (s) (3070)

9.00 News; Regional News and Weather (Ceeix) (4780)

9.30 Out of This World. Exploring the perenormal. First Officer Mark Stewert, a British Aliwaye pilot, talks about his encounter with a mystery craft, minutes before landing at Manchester alront (Ceefax) (a) (640983)

10.15 FILM: The Witches of Eastwick (1987) with Jack Nicholson, Cher, Susan Saran-don and Michelle Pfeiffer. Black comedy. Three emateur, witches, short of love, summon the Devil to their New England town. When he arrives they (and he) get more than they bergained for. Directed by George Miller (875148)

12.05 FILM: The Day the World Ended (1966, b/w). Part of the Allen Invasion season. When the Earth is ravaged by nuclear war, survivors light among themselves over their mountain cabin sanctuary, until their shelter is visited by a new race of mutant cannibals. With Flichard Denning and Lori Nelson. Directed by Roger

1.20-1.25am Weather (1572133)

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6.00em Open University: Drifting Contin-ents (3042438) 6.25 The History of Maths (3054273) 6.50 Running the Community (2922631)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (6370254) 7.30 Postman Pat (r) (4561439) 7.45 Lassie (r) (1102815) 8.10 Smurts' Adventure: (5713438) 8.35 Get Your Own Back (8234001) 9.05 Spiderman (r) (2260322) 9.25 Global Gatecrash (r) (7896341) 9.50 Poddington Peas (r) (3494506) 10.00 Playdays (7431186)

10.25 Man in a Suitcase (Ceelax) (2103506) 11.15 A Passion for Angling (r) (Ceefax) (9355051) 12.05pm The Addams Family (b/w) (r) (6151896) 12.30 Making Tracks (57419) 1.00 Posiman Pat (45233341) 1.15 A-Z of Food (24262438) 1.25 Wear It Well (45229148) 1.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceelax) (8390098) 2.20 Craw-shaw Paints on Holiday (87658964) 2.45 A Life of Knowledge (4713728) 3.00 News (1002254) 3.05 The Nature World (1173877) 3.55 News (3687525)

4.00 Certoon (5838812) 4.05 The Family Ness (5835983) 4.10 Peter Pan and the Pirates (Ceefax) (2357815) 4.30 Ocean Odyssey (Ceefax) (438) 5.00 News-round (176379) 5.10 Byter Grove (1 5.35 FILM: Bad Jim (1990) with James Brown

and Richard Roundtree. A cowboy acquires a horse that once belonged to Billy the Kild and is strangely affected by it. Directed by Clyde Ware (4105438)



Jezz einger George Melly (7.00pm)

The Seven Ages of Man-The pyschiatrist Professor Anthony Clare investigates the process of ageing. Tonight he talks to George Melly about growing old (Ceetax) (s) (3457) 7.30 Black Britain. A look at how black witnesses to crimes are allenced by a mistrust of the police or feer of the perpetrator (Ceefex) (s) (157)

Picture Tree Four Tarts and a Tenor (Ceefax) (a) (9877) 8.30 Tracks. Ray Means offers value-for-money advice on outdoor clothes (Ceetax) (s) (1612)

9,00 feurder One: Chapters 21 and 22.
Feature-length episods of the legal drama. The jury finishes its defiberations and reaches a verdict (Ceefax) (s) (3051) Followed by Video Nation Shorts

10.30 Newsnight (Castax) (944631) 11.15 Oldie TV. A crotchety lete-night magazina (s) (536996) 12.00 Grace Under Fire (s) (40735)

12.30am The Learning Zone: Running the Community (26568) 1.00 The Changing Shape of the North Sea (63216) 1.30 Windows on the Mind (37674) 2.00 Great Outdoors Collection 2 (97945) 4.00 Itelianissimo (17939) 6.00-6.00 Itelianissimo (95533)

The Seven Ages of Man: George Melly

BBC2, 7.00pm

Professor Anthony Clare puts well-known senior citizens in his psychiatrist's chair and invites them to reflect on old age. The ebullient George Melly seems an unlikely candidate for the series but he is almost 70, candidate for the series but he is almost 70, going deaf and has just had a plate fitted in his mouth. Although Melly admits to an inability to show emotion, and to using jokes as a defence mechanism, this is an honest and open interview which goes deeper than a facetious exterior might suggest. He can find nothing good to say about old age, and certainly not being offered a sear on a bus, though he does derive a morbid enjoyment from scanning obituary notices for people younger than himself. But he has had an enjoyably rumbustious, and sometimes disreputable, life and still drinks more heavily than his doctor thinks wise. heavily than his doctor thinks wise.

Dawn to Dook Safari: Riding Elephants in Botswana BBC1, 8.00pm

Unlike its Asian counterpart, the African elephant is usually considered too large and too dangerous to domesticate. Randall Jay Moore, an American zoologist, has obviously not been listening. The opening sequence to this film from Botswapa shows him having a ride on an elephant's fusks. More seriously, he used the elephant as transport into a watery delta where no four-wheel-drive would stand a chance. Riding an elephant is a safe way of getting close to wildlife and you are so high up you can almost look a giraffe in the eye. Moore gets many of his elephants from zoos and circuses. He reckons they are far better off in the African wild. The only threat to his herd, which has been swelled by baby elephants orphaned after a cull, comes from bigger elephants. But even these can usually be persuaded to go away quietly.

Picture This: Four Tarts and a Tenor BBC2, 8.00mm

he tenor is Luciano Pavarotti, no less, and the tarts, you will be relieved to know, are of the edible variety. In 1955, as a young unknown, Pavarotti sang at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddiod. Forty years later he pald a return visit and Francesca Joseph's film, the first in a new series by television debutants, recaptures the event. Footage of Pavarotti in Wales no doubt exists but Joseph ignores it. Instead she relies on the memories of those who helped to smooth the maestro's path, from the hotel staff to the festival organisers and the women who prepared the flowers, only to discover that the singer was allergic to pollen. The testimonies are so detailed and vivid, and Joseph's presentation of them so deft, that you have to pinch yourself to realise that Pavarotti is not actually taking part.

War Cries Knock Back Channel 4, 8.00pm

Lady Alice Douglas gave the press a heavensent story when she married not a fellow aristocrat but Simon Melia, a convicted armed robber. This improbable knot was tied while Melia was on home leave from prison. He has since been granted parole, but only after a previous refusal — the knock but only after a previous refusal — the knock back which prisoners dread. Douglas's film is an attack on the shortcomings of the parole system and a pre-emptive strike against plans to scale down parole. Ann Widdecombe, the Home Office Minister, is allowed a robust defence of government thinking. But Douglas calls powerful witnesses in support of her argument that parole is a humane lifeline to long-serving prisoners, reduces the prison population and helps to prevent the criminal from the control of the criminal from the control of t

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12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (8927099) 12.55 Shortland Street (a) (6995490) 1.25 Simply Delicious with Family and Friends (r) (6752490) 2.00 Home and Away (Teleton) (a) (87663254) 2.25 Murder, Size Wrote (r) (6342102)

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Peter Amory and Claire King (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdale. Chris's stepmother has a surprise in store for him. With Peter Amory and Claire King (Teletext) (s) (4493) 7,30 Secrets of the Levels. Photographer Chris Chapman looks at how the Levels have developed through the centuries of human activity (Teletext) (a) (693)

8.00 The Bill. Ackland and McCann sit their 8,30 FilM: Police Academy 4: Citizens on

Patrol (1987) with Steven Guttenberg and Bubba Smith. Stapetick cornedy. The Police Academy attempt to train a group of oddball citizens to light crime in 10.00 News (Teletext) and weather (40631)

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (138235) 10.40 The 10%ers. Sit-com set in a talent agency (Teletext) (s) (966902) 11.10 Bodies of Evidence (1)(207231)

12.05 FILM: The Whereabouts of Jenny (1990) starring Ed O'Neill, Debrah Farentino and Eve Gordon. A father lights for access to his daughter, when his former wife and her new husband, a drug dealer turned state witness, are relocal

1.55 Late & Loud (s) (1037465) 2.55 The Chart Show (r) (s) (8044216) 3.55 Murder, She Wrote (r) (s) (6469228) 4.50 Sound Bites (65371842) 5.00 No Place Like Home (s) (43910) 5.30 News (38991)

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2.05 FILM: In the Good DM Summarium (1949), Judy Garland is a shoppin who felts for her pen pai, not realising he is her detested fellow worker, Van Johnson. Also making appearances are Buster Keaton and a one-year-old Liza Minnelli, Directed by Robert Z, Leonard (161885)

'4.00 Beckdate (Teletext) (s) (322) 4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (506) 5.00 Ricid Lake (Teletext) (s) (8039815) 5.45 Terrytoons (860612)

6.00 The Avengers (r) (Teletaxi) (50506) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (136877) 7.55 The Slot (479438)



Ledy Ailce Dougles (8.00pm)

War Cries: Knock Back. (1/6) A series of documenmaries string grievances against the system. Lady Alice Douglas calls for the parole system to be strengthened (Teleted) (8) (7273)

8.30 Brookside. A guilty Nat returns to the

Close (Teletaxt) (s) (6780) 9,00 Justice for Lynn. in 1978 Lynn Siddons was brutally murdered. This programme traces the trial of the man her tamily accuses of murdering her (1943032)

10.06 FILM: Benny and Joon (1993). An off-beat love story, which stars Johnny Depp and Mary Stuart Masterson, Directed by Jeremiah Chechik (Teletext) (8) (895902) 11.55 Watching the Detectives (4/5), Focus-ing on real-life private detectives. Tonight's programme goes from London to the Costa del Sol, where Peter Clark

searches for stolen bonts in a track worth millions of pounds (r) (Teletext) (155524) 1.00 FILM: My Childhood (1972, b/w) Bill Douglas's acclaimed autobiographical short film, about growing up in a Scottish mining village in the war years. With Stephen Archibald and Hughle Restorick

(7210262) 1.55 FILM: Little Red Monkey (1955, b/w). Richard Conte is a US State Department agent sent to Britain to guard Russian defected from the West, and save him from the "friendship" of his enemies. Directed by Ken Hughes (3960945).

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7.00em Undun (23475) 9.00 Press Your Luck (423877) 9.29 Love Connection (1052186) 9.45 Oprah Warfrey (2450145) 30.40 Jeopartyl (938816) 11.10 Sally Sasy Raphael (8890099) 12.00 Code 3 Casy Rephael (889099) 12.00 Code 3 (67322) 12.30pm Designing Women (86993) 10.0 Hotel (90148) 2.00 Geraldo (8129) 3.00 Court TV (6322) 3.30 Oprah Wirtray (5062902) 4.15 Undun (120156) 5.00 Quantum Leap (1542) 8.00 Beverly Hills 90210 (88962) 7.00 Spellbound (1631) 7.30 MrA*S*H (4457) 8.00 Sightings (59631) 9.00 The X-Ries (40167) 10.00 Quantum Leap (43254) 11.00 Highlander (87781) 12.00 Late Show with Devild Letterman (2508789) 12.45 km Napolean and Jossphine: A Love Story (6885216) 1.30 Smouldering Lust (84378) 2.00 Hit Mix Long Play (8903894)

SKY NEWS

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Hooper's Night Terrors (1993) (705587)
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(1965) (990378)

SKY MOVIES GOLD 12.00 Back to the Future (1985) (89780) 2.00pm Arsenic and Old Lace (1944) (16148) 4.00 The Brawdos (1958) (191810341) 5.40 Pt 109 (1963) (73142097) 8.00 The Milagro Beanfield War (1987) (31834) 3-17 105 (1987) (31457) 10.00 Back to the Future (1987) (31457) 10.00 Back to the Future (1985) (73951780) 12.05 m. Nothing But Trouble (1991) (183378) 1.40 Dracata: Prince of Darkness (1985) (219874) 3.15-5.00 The Bravedos (1958) (219874)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL 10.30 Transformers — the Movie (1986) (7309) 12.00 Bernstine (1957) (85780) 2.00pm The Rains Came (1939) (8788) 2.00pm The Rains Came (1939) (32148) 4.00 Spider-team Strikes Back (1978) (1308) 6.00 Johnny's Girl (1999) (17089) 7.30 Special Feature () (7167) 8.00 My Girl 2 (1994) (57457) 10.00 Twenty Bucks (1993) (231816) 11.35 Purmurar (1994) (72054) 1.20em Once is Not Enough (1975) (92017823) 3.26-8.00 A.P.E.X. (1994) (62378945)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm Sky Novies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4sm.
6.05em Ouack Altack (74635254) 6.30
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EUROSPORT

7.30am Formula 1 (93964) 9.00 Speedworld (30964) 10.00 Truck Racing (57544) 11.00 Boxing (37780) 12.00 Triestrion (77322) 1.00pm Olympic Genes (12963) 3.00 Sportscar (66099) 4.00 Motorcycling (47506) 5.00 Boxing (8166) 8.00 Live Tennis (9335341) 10.00 Tractor Pulling (74148) 11.00-12.30am Snockar (45051) SKY SPORTS

10.00pm The Nationals 1986 and 1994 (\$254768) 11.00 The Game of Billions (2813051) 12.00 Half of Fame — Fontane (2308674) 12.301-300am Pots of Gold: Hendry Vs Davis 1991 (1811755) THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

SKY SPORTS

7.00mm Sports Centre Countdown to the Season (42895) 8.00 That Week in Baseball (32761) 8.30 Racing News (31032) 8.00 Aprobles (55612) 9.30 Nescar - Brithyard 400 (93983) 12.00 Aerobles (42148) 12.30pm Eric Centona — the Perfect Story (87902) 1.30 Beach Volleyball (62490) 2.00 ASP Suffing Tour (41821) 3.00 Water Sports World (86831) 4.00 Mejor League Baseball (52498) 5.00 Weesting (2490) 6.00 Sports Centre (863983) 6.05 Eric Centona — the Perfect Story (54190) 7.00 Asian Football how (80709) 8.00 How the Premiership was Won (93273) 10.00 Sports Centre (255051) 10.15 Asian Football (884341) 11.15 Nescar — Brichyard 400 (44175273) 1.45-2.00ms Sports Centre (713397) SKY SPORTS GOLD

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SKY SOAP 7.00mm Guiding Light (4405903) 7.55 As the World Turns (9503631) 8.50 Poyton Place (9500544) 9.20 Days of Our Lives (5733222) 10.10-11.00 Another World (5863490) SKY TRAVEL

11,00am Boomerang (6553051) 11.30 Traiside - Mako Your Own Advanture (555/780) 12.00 Marsions (2732912) 12.30pm Pierre Francy's Cooking in Franca (9726885) 1.00 Geraway (2836902) 1.30

SATELLITE AND CABLE

Guns blazing: Vigil, Morin and Vacio (Sky Movies Gold, 8.00pm)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4.00pm The Spirit of England (5577631) 5.00 D-Day (2315438) 6.06-7.00 Biography THE SCHOLCHANNEL

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TLC 9,00em The Joy of Painting (7296631) 9,30 Grow Your Own (9218148) 10,00 Near Stuff (8821780) 10,30 Home Again with Bob Villa (7292815) 11,00 The Painted House (5804709) 11,30 Room for Improvement

UK GOLD

7.00em Happy Ever After (2574416) 7.30
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Government must show more than passing concern for British performance in Atlanta

Olympic success will come at a price

THE British throw up their as a poor medal ranking in the Centennial Olympic Games: 15 medals overall and the equal seventeenth most suc-cessful nation. Why was anyone surprised? The performance was predictable, neither shameful nor successful.

It was, in a word, sport: hazardous in its minute mar-. gins, as it was for Linford Christie and Jonathan Edwards. That is sport's simultaneous beauty and anguish. Ask Eduard Zenovka, of Russia, who fell five strides from a gold medal in the modern pentathlon. Is Great Britain, which did more to inspire de Coubertin than ever modern Greece did in relaunching the Games, forgetting the honour of taking part?

Some of the competitors, of course, are disappointed. They did not fail through lack of effort. The coaches of the different federations within the British Olympic Association (BOA) are not surprised at the outcome. They know what coach and athlete are up against - a rapidly improving world. Fifteen more nations, 79, won medals in Atlanta than in Barcelona.

Great Britain has a reputation of success in the Olympic field and in non-Olympic sports such as cricket, rugby

union and golf. That success came originally because it initiated many sports, not because of natural physical superiority. Many nations are equally or more athletic, agile or fast. What the British have is mental equilibrium, a competitive instinct, a durable

The total of 15 medals, five fewer than in Barcelona four years ago, is probably a fair share, given that we have had a century of decentralisation. mismanagement, lack of government enthusiasm and

Games to remember Matthew Bond Boxing clever

jealously competing national governing organisations. In 1968, in Mexico, when it was still relatively easy, Britain finished eleventh, with 13 medals. What was the government doing then? Politicians, who are disinterested for 206 weeks out of every four years, have no right suddenly to shout criticism from the touchline at the BOA, our one body that understands the needs and operation of elite sport.

Dick Palmer, the BOA genmore about what is required to

prevent Britain's continuing Olympic decline than any five ministers for sport thrown together, co-ordinates a body that is robbed by taxation of 40 per cent of the private money it raises towards preparing a wants medals, it must pay for them. Spontaneous, off-thecuff champions rarely exist. When they do, without sup-port, they probably finish

The relatively giorious track and field era of 1980-1992 from Wells, Ovett, Thompson and Coe in Moscow, through Cram, Elliott and Sanderson to Christie, Jackson, Black, Backley and Gunnell - has all but gone. Those athletes succeeded in spite of rather than because of the system.

British swimmers, cyclists, boxers, rowers and the rest are inadequately equipped and supported compared with those of every other frontline nation. Britain collectively has to decide what kind of music it wants, not stand back and berate the orchestra.

Knowledgeable administrators, experienced coaches and informed commentators have been saying for many years that Britain was lagging behind in national co-ordination of sporting forces. We cannot expect to succeed in the field when we cannot even rationalise our absurdly disparate administration.

When any foreigner wishes to make an inquiry about British sports policy, they have no idea who to contact: the English, Scottish, Welsh or Irish federation, the Sports Council, the Central Council of Physical Recreation, the BOA, the government department (what department?). Britain lacks not only funding but a central voice.

Without investment, research, design (coaching) and central co-ordination. Britain will continue to flag. The sports industry is no different from the motor industry: Britain has innovative ideas, reasonable raw material and slipshod production.

British Olympians were overtaken in the Thirties by the United States and Scandinavia, in the Fifties by Russia, in the Sixtles and Seventies by the rest of eastern Europe, in the Eighties and Nineties by Airica and Asia. The Brazilians, Chinese, Nigerians and others are as talented as Britain, and there are more of

The debate about whether sport matters or not, socially, is a different issue. If it does not, we must retire on our laurels, like the Greeks, and become no more than a symbolic sporting footnote of the past. If this government, or any government, thinks it is important, it must provide a level playing field alongside the French, Australians, Koreans, Ukrainians and the rest.

first century will continue to be self-motivated, but will only arise from established, widespread breeding grounds, in the way that mental invention. whether scientific or academic, only prospers with the provision of laboratories and universities. John Major's Academy of Sport is the last chance to stay in the race. It ill becomes Labour politicians to complain about Atlanta when socialism has ideologically and deliberately curtailed, if not destroyed, competitive sport in our schools.

Court's ruling. The decision clears the way for a swimmer plus a runner from Russia and a Lithuanian cyclist to appeal against their disqualifications.

None of them won medals. Gillingham said: "The court has brushed aside the other effects of this drug, such as the fact that it is a stimulant and the fact that it can be used to mask other substances. It seems that these days you can come to an Olympic Games with your pharmacists and lawyer and get off scot-free. But it's not all over 'til the fat lady sings' and she's not even

on stage yet. We fight on."
Gillingham, 29, from
Birmingham, would become the first British swimmer ever to win a medal at three Games if he were to be given the bronze from Atlanta. He won a silver medal in the 200 metres in Seoul in 1988 and a bronze in Barcelona in 1992.

The decision to bring in British lawyers was taken after talks with Dick Palmer,



the general secretary of the BOA, and Barbara Lancaster. the swimming team manager in Atlanta. Bromantan was banned by

the International Olympic Committee (IOC) because it falls into the category of "and related substances". This is used as a catch-all phrase because it would be impossible to list all the drugs used in all countries. There are only four research papers written on the drug, all of them in Russian. Apart from the five cases of

bromantan, there were four other positive tests at the Games. Estella Rodriguez, a judo lighter from Cuba, took a diuretic and Marie McMahon, the 5,000-metres runner from Ireland, took Advil, an analgesic painkiller. She was exonerated of any misdemeanour. Yesterday, it was Prandzheva, of Bulgaria, who came fourth in the women's triple jump, and Natalya Shekodanova, a 100-metres

hurdier from Russia, had tested positive for steroids. They face four-year suspensions.
These two positive cases

were detected by standard testing equipment and not the new high-resolution mass posed to be three-times more effective in uncovering the use of anabolic steroids. The highresolution mass spectrometer was used for the first time at the Games, but there was not the expected rash of positive tests for hormone drugs. All the tests carried out at the Games are expected to be cleared by the laboratory by



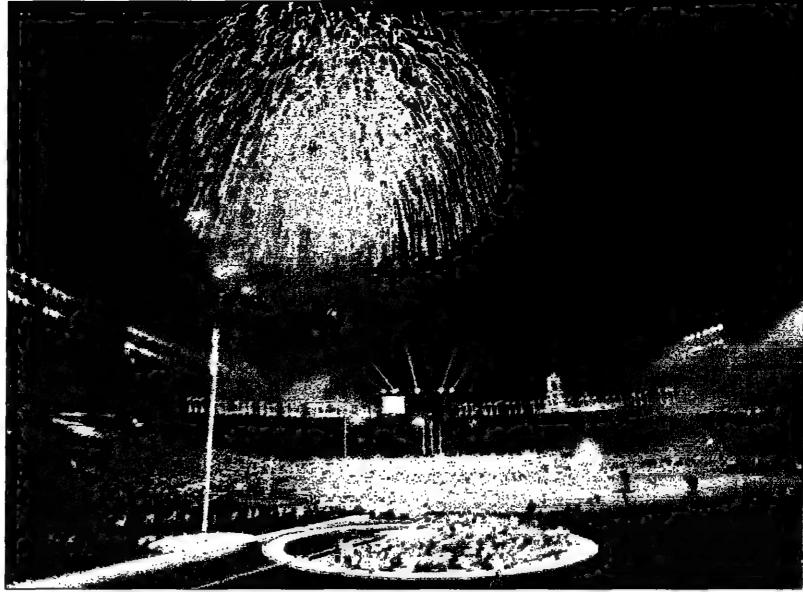
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The Centennial Olympic Games go out with a bang during a spectacular closing ceremony in Atlanta on Sunday night

Lawyers back Gillingham tight

By Chaig Long AND JOHN GOODSODY

BRITISH sports bodies yesterday backed Nick Gillingham's fight to receive the Olympic metres breaststroke bronze medal, after the Russian who finished third was reinstated although he had taken a banned drug.

Lawyers for the British Olympic Association (BOA) and the Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain will now be appealing on Gillingham's behalf against the ruling that Andrei Korneyev should be given the 'benefit of the doubt".

Korneyev and four other Russians tested positive for bromantan, a psycho-stimu-lant used by Russian cosmonauts to reduce feelings of fatigue and make the body more tolerant of heat. Korneyev was stripped of his bronze medal and Gillingham, fourth in the final, was moved up to third place.

A six-day hearing of the Independent Court of Arbitration for Sport, which was set up in Atlanta to settle disputes. accepted that bromantan had enhanced Korneyev's performance but that both he and Zafar Gulyov, a Greco-Roman wrestling bronze medal-winner in the under 48kgs class, had probably only taken the substance to help relieve the effects of heat and humidity in

Jean-Phillippe Rochart, general secretary of the Court, said: "The experts were not totally sure that bromantan was simply used for the sole purpose of enhancing Fina, the world swimming

"From that we can see that we are sending the right kind of signal to the world of sport - that we have the right technology." However, this does not nec essarily mean that none of the competitors had taken performance-enhancing drugs. The IOC Medical Commission

and scientists have yet to settle the problems surrounding the illicit use of human growth hormone (HGH) and erythro-



poietin (EPO), both of which Team Football have been widely used in the past. It is hoped that work on and win a these drugs will be completed £50.000 prize before the Sydney Games in Details pages 20-21 YOUR BRAIN

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Public fails the Headingley Test easily, and last summer's Test

CHICKET CORRESPONDENT

YORKSHIRE'S cricket may be resurgent but its public is causing dismay with a show of apathy towards the national team. Only 7,000 tickets have been sold for the first day of the second Test between England and Pakistan, on Thurs-day, and advance sales for

Sunday are a pitiful 2,500. Chris Hassell, chief executive of Yorkshire, said that he was "puzzled and disappointed" by the turnover of tickets and admitted that the prospects of achieving El million revenue, the benchmark of respectability for a Test in the provinces, are remote.

"I don't understand it." he

said. "We have used exactly

the same marketing outlets as

in the past two years. On both

occasions we hit the million

was played in early June, which is less attractive, and in cold weather."

Hassell cites various possible reasons for the shortfall. including the advent of summer rugby league and the European football championship. More than 10,000 spectators attended a rugby league match at Headingley on Sun-day and the three Euro 96 games in the city attracted crowds of up to 36,000, 2,000 more than the advance sales for the entire Test.

Less convincingly, Hassell also claims that Pakistan are not appealing opposition in his county, After winning thrillingly at Lord's, they continue to excite interest elsewhere and The Oval, venue for the final Test later this month with a capacity similar

already sold out for each of the first three days. In 1992, when Pakistan last

toured, 53,817 saw them beaten inside four days in a riveting Headingley Test. Since then, 70,450 watched the Australia Test of 1993, 67,500 the South Africans in 1994 and

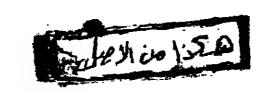
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64,300 were there last year as

Headingley has been guar-anteed a Test throughout the 1990s, and Australia will visit again next summer, but just as Edgbaston will be on trial after two unsatisfactory pitches, the crowd decline will bring an unwelcome spotlight to Headingley's 16,000, has onto the Yorkshire ground.

"The advance sales are des perately disappointing, espe-cially for Sunday," Richard Little, spokesman for the Test and County Cricket Board, said. There are lessons we must learn this summer. ourselves on the back when the crowds turn up to watch Australia next year. We have to bring people in when the tickets do not sell automatically."

Such hard commercial facts have helped to persuade the Board to retain the giant replay screen at Headingley, despite a growing chorus of disquiet over its effect on players, umpires and crowds. There is a commercial view about it and a cricketing view." Little admitted. "If it helps the enjoyment of spectators, that is a factor we cannot



As the outcry over the abortion of a single twin continues, Halina Kierkuc talks about being the mother of twin girls



hen the doctor who was to perform my amniocentesis turned on the monitor, there was a long silence. My husband and I both panicked as we watched him scrutinise the screen. checking and double checking the

flickering image.

"What's wrong?" I asked, already close to tears. "Nothing," he replied after a moment. "They both look fine." It was only then, 16 weeks into my pregnancy, we realised I was

We went from shock through elation and then back into shock. We had already taken the difficult decision that if the amniocentesis showed a foctal abnormality in what we thought was a single child, we would not go ahead with the pregnancy. Now we needed to know vhat would happen if one child was healthy and the other was not.

We were told that it would be possible to terminate just one of the pregnancies but somehow the idea of aborting a single twin, and leaving the other behind, was excruciating. It changed everything.

Eventually, the amniocentesis showed that both babies were normal. But the three-week wait for the result was the worst time of my life. The thought of the dreadful dilemma we might have faced has haunted me ever since, I will never know what our decision would have been, but I think I understand a little of what the mother at Queen

Life with twins is twice as good, twice as bad

Charlotte's Hospital must be think- sleep in comfort. I was ordered by resorted to disposables to earn ing as she prepares to have one of her healthy twin focuses aborted. What I can say for certain is that being the parent of twins has been the most joyful, and the most difficult, experience of my life. My girls, Clementine and Georgia, have just turned four. They are a very special

remember, life without them.
But there have been times in the past four years when I have been close to despair, even though I have a supportive partner and have been able to afford help. The problems of coping with a multiple birth should never be underestimated.

team and I cannot imagine, or even

Even before birth, twins can present problems. I was warned that with twice the dose of pregnancy hormone in my system, I was likely to suffer from particularly debilitating houts of morning sickness. And with two babies sapping your re-sources, you feel constantly exhaust-ed. By the 32nd week of my pregnancy, I was the size that most women reach at term. Gigantic. I could barely sit still, let alone eat or

my doctor to give up work and stay in bed. I was fortunate not to have another child to cope with.

Despite my best efforts to rest, the girls were born prematurely. When they eventually left hospital, tiny scraps at 4lb each, we spent our savings on a maternity nurse to help to look after them — a luxury that simply is not available to most

The regime was still punishing. The girls were so small I was determined to breastfeed them. For the first few weeks, it was a process that seemed to occupy most of our waking hours and replaced the ones that we had previously used for sleep. By the time both children were fed I had approximately 45 minutes before the

whole routine started again. At least we had a washingmachine and dryer at home. For the switched off. I had intended to be environmentally friendly and use terry-towelling nappies. In the end I myself a few extra hours out of the kitchen. Our nappy bill escalated to about Elo a week.

Realising that we were heading towards bankroptcy, we did our best no minimise our costs, but even shopping second-hand, twins are an expensive business. There are two cots to buy, two sets of toys, a double buggy to finance and a bigger room

to get ready.

Emotionally and physically those months were harrowing. The instant one fell asleep at night, the other would wake up screaming. When one was ravenously hungry, the other was off her feed. If one was sick, her sister would give us just enough time to clear up before she would oblige.

Of course any parent with more than one child faces similar problems but I believe having two children of exactly the same age can be more frustrating, instead of having one older and more sensible child who can take a lead looking after and entertaining the younger ones, we have two little girls who are not only fiercely competitive but who are at times as lethally perverse as

cach other.

This was especially devastating when they were toddlers. There is nothing quite as soul-destroying as a double-headed tantrum in the supermarket, or children who run away from you in opposite directions. Even if you can keep an eye on both, who do you choose to recapture first - the one heading towards the road or the one about to fling herself down the escalator?

The girls are rarely ill together but prefer to take to their beds in

Our first experience of this pho nomenon occurred just after they had started nursery. Clemmy was the first to catch chickenpox. On the very day she returned to school after a formight at home. Georgia was sent home with a fresh crop of spots. Nor do I believe that our life will become easier now they are about to start primary school. Having your sister in the same class is tough, especially for the one who isn't as good at maths or gym. Once we get past that, I always have the prospect of a double dose of adolescence to

look forward to. The good times with twins may be twice as good, but the bad times can be infinitely more difficult. I love them desperately, but I would be the first to admit they have often pushed me to the very edge - and then just a

How a broken man became a giant

or a man who can lift cars and juggle 40kg weights. Valentin Dikul is charmingly mild and polite. In the hall of his rehabilitation centre, he gives an encouraging smile to a Moscow traffic policeman, still in his grey, uniform and hovering nervously.

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The policeman wants some advice for a relative. "Has he got a broken spine? asks Dikul "Ring me after the fifth and we'll see what we can do." This new case registered in his mind, he walks onto the next job in hand, swinging his arms, radiating energy.

Talking to Dikul you very quickly forget that he, too, used to be on the other side, one of the non-walkers, confined to a wheelchair. He has a kindly and very Russian aura about him. With a bushy

When Valentin Dikul broke his back, his story of astonishing courage was only just

beginning, says Thomas de Waal

beard, flecked with grey and gold, and tousled grey neck-length hair, he could be a gentle giant from a folk tale. Russian village traditions are full of such people - wildhaired healers with legendary strength from the steppes of Siberia or the forests of the far north. He looks like a good Rasputin, although he would

mention of faith-healing or

His accident happened in 1962, when he was a teenage circus trapeze artist. He grabbed hold of a trapeze and the bar broke in his hand. He fell 40ft, breaking ten bones and fracturing his spine. The doctors told him he would not walk again. Confined to a wheelchair, he

had plenty of time to think and for five years he turned himself into a guinea-pig, trying out different tests and exer-cises. To the surprise of the medical profession, it worked. After five years he took his first steps and two years later he was back to normal. Dikul's phenomenal recov

ery and subsequent work at the centre is the subject of a Channel 4 Short Stories documentary next Wednesday. It is a recovery made all the more remarkable for happening in bothered to try before. Now attitudes have started to change. One symptom of that is that his centre is completely

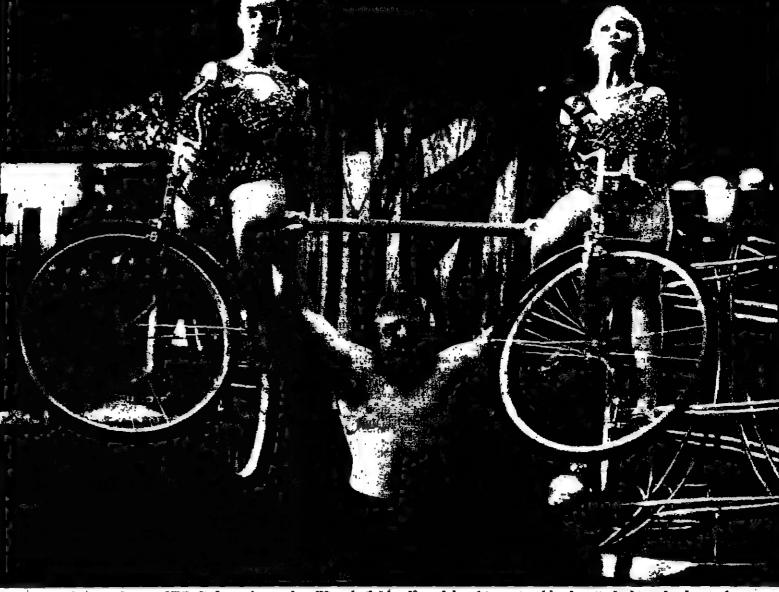
ikul says: "Maybe I was too young and did not believe walk." Most of all, he was helped by the comradely atmo-sphere of the circus. Dikul was orphaned at the age of three and the circus was his adop-tive family. "It is my life, my air, my home, it is everything.

It is what I live for."

Now almost SO, he has a family of his own but all of three of them work in the circus. His wife Ludmilla is a circus performer and his 15year-old daughter, Anna, who studied dance with the Bolshoi Ballet, is now practising walk-ing the tightrope. One of Dikul's favourite acts is to lift up both his wife and daughter on two bicycles attached to-gether by a pole and pedalling madly in mid-air.

Dikul was already mentally planning to go back to the circus as he recovered the use of his body, and before long he was doing acrobatic motorcycling. The only thing was that I could not go back to acrobatics because no medical com-mission would give me permission to go back up there

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Heroic strength: one of Dikul's favourite acts is to lift up both his wife and daughter on two bicycles attached together by a pole

the Soviet Union, a deeply conservative country where THE the disabled were always discriminated against. Back then, says Dikul, there was simply no belief that so much time Subscriptions and money could be well spent. No one had really years' treatment.

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after an accident like that," he recalls. One of his most spectacular success stories, however, did manage to do exactly that. The man was a fellow acrobat, who had broken his spine and was unable to walk for 17 years - but he was back on the high wire after four

Banned from the air, Dikul became a circus strongman and here his story really does become the stuff of legend. For he is now routinely referred to

> He has a very Russian aura — a kindly Rasputin

as the strongest man in Russia and he performs the kind of feats that make the only averagely mighty quail. In one stunt he juggles a 40kg ball like a Christmas bauble and then lightly catches it on the back of his neck. Best not to think how close it is to falling on a once-broken spine Another trick (although trick is not the right word, as there is no deception involved) involves him supporting a Volvo estate car, weighing more than 1.5 tons, on his back.

His fame in Russia is such that therapy at the Dikul Centre, set in the grounds of an old palace in north Moscow, is now a minor Russian industry. There are 124,000 applications for treatment from 32 countries pending. Those who come are the disabled and the paralysed, especially those with broken spines, and the success rate is excellent. After intensive therapy, hundreds of people have got out of their wheelchairs and walked.

Dikul walks through the

why Russia was called the "land of miracles". Now I have an inkling. • Short Stories: Strongman is on Wednesday, August 14, Channel 4,

the aid of sticks.

common endeavour.

of doctors and lots and lots of

time. The main criticism lev-

elled against the centre is that it is too expensive to run. One

gets the impression that Dikul

has shamed the authorities into stumping up the money.

new feat. A seven-metre high

swing rotates with a huge ball on it. The ball falls, Dikul

catches it on his neck, juggles it from hand to hand and then

sets it down. The ball opens

Then he invites members of

the audience to try to lift the

ball. Naturally it turns out to

be too heavy for all of them.

Before I went to the Diku

Centre I had always wondered

and a woman steps out.

reparing to go back to the circus for a new

season in the au-

tumn, he is proud of a

exercise room, a large airy hall of flat beds attached to chains and contraptions of medieval complication. The room is full of bodies heaving, swaying and pulling. Irina Koneva, a 39-year-old PAY. computer programmer, broke YOUR her spine when rock-climbing in the Crimea and has come to the centre for five hours a day MOTOR for the past nine months. Although technically para-lysed from the waist down, she **AND** said she could now walk with "I still can't feel my legs," she says, laughing. "Only a little at the top." She adds that HOME INSURANCE the atmosphere was very in-spiring, there is a feeling of BIT BY BIT, "We can't promise to lift everyone on to their feet, but there will be improvements with everyone," says Dikul. There is no special secret to the INTEREST treatment, just the use of more FREE. than a dozen types of therapy, including endless exercising. massage, laser treatment and physiotherapy. That, plus a very labour-intensive number No large lump sums

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Guarding us against our government

Sue Cameron calls for a committee

to oversee the constitution

Ruling Britannia is becoming an increasingly rickety busi-ness. Public disillusion with politicians of all parties; the scandals that have dulled Whitehall's golden reputation and the ease with which government avoids and evades Parliament's scrutiny have lent new urgency to the old question of who guards the guardians.

Those who have traditionally been the guardians of our unwritten constitution are no longer quite trusted with the task. Lord Justice Scott's inquiry into the exports to Iraq débacle destroyed our faith in that classical ideal. It showed ministers and mandarins behaving badly. It left no doubt that top civil servants and their political masters can act with such ruthlessness in covering up incompetence and misconduct as to make the public wonder if they are suited to guarding anything except their

Perhaps the time has come to borrow an idea used by the Gov-ernment itself when it wanted to tame the vested interests of nationwide industrial monopolies. In the 1980s the Conservatives gave us Ofgas, Ofwat and Offel, with power to control industries such as gas and water. What Britain needs now is the equivalent of these, an Ofcon or office of the constitution. manned by people with the integ-rity, clout and experience to police

the government machine. The need for Ofcon was broached by Dr Geoffrey Marshall, Provost of Queen's College, Oxford, at an Oxford Research Group seminar

on the changes needed after the Scott report. Dr Marshall's suggestion was a metaphor for the gaps in our constitutional safeguards that Scott

exposed.
While nobody is demanding that a bunch of bureaucratic regulators be appointed to superintend Britain's constitu-

tional arrangements, the idea of having a group of people who could fulfil such a role on a more ad hoc basis has some merit. But where to find such people? They already exist. The new guardians of Britain's constitution should be chosen from the eminent individuals who form the Privy Council.

The current list of some 450 Privy Counsellors is heavy with senior parties, many of whom have left the political front line of the Commons. The list also includes senior judges and a sprinkling - no more - of former top civil servants. A small-scale standing committee of Privy Counsellors could be set up to look into the kind of constitutional black spots that seem to be occurring more and more often.

Such a committee could include representatives of all the main parties, provided none of the individuals were actually in office. The aim would be to set up a group of experienced, high calibre people, remote now from the political fray, whose judgment on constitutional matters would command widespread respect. They would be of the government machine but no

Lord Armstrong of Ilminster, who as Sir Robert Armstrong was Cabinet Secretary, reckons that such an idea could work precisely because it would involve practitioners in the art of government. "It could be useful in situations like that of the Labour Government in March 1974, when Harold Wilson had no overall majority," he says. "If Mr Wilson hadn't won the vote on the Loyal Address, there would have been a question as to whether he had the right to demand another election or whether he would have had to resign and give someone else overweening ministers.

a chance. He won the vote, so it didn't arise but that is the kind of issue that could be referred to a

Privy Council committee." A Privy Council committee on constitutional questions would fit smoothly into the existing British system without the furore that would be caused by attempts to introduce a written constitution, which is so alien to the British tradition.

There are already precedents for ad hoc Privy Council committees and standing ones. The committee that scrutinises honours lists is a Privy Council committee. The Franks committee, which reported on the Falklands War, was a Privy Council committee. Sir Patrick Naime, a senior civil servant at the Ministry of Defence who later become Permanent Secretary at the Department of Health and Social Security, was made a Privy Coun-sellor to enable him to sit on the

Franks committee. Lord Armstrong — who amazingly, is not himself a Privy Counsellor - believes a constitutional committee could take an advisory role and make recommendations on issues referred to it. He is much less certain about a Privy Council committee taking the initiative and insisting on launching

its own investigations.
"That," says Lord Armstrong with the restraint that is a hallmark of great mandarins, "might be more difficult for a Prime Minister to imagine. Having to remit up-wards to Privy Counsellors is something a Prime Minister might not find plausible."

A Privy

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Dr Marshall says in would be "political science fiction" to suggest that governments would happily submit their actions to the scrutiny of a powerful arbitrator. He thinks that a Privy Council committee on constitutional questions might

be acceptable on an advisory basis, but that deciding what to remit to it would be tricky. Yet with the Commons Public Service Committee flexing its muscles and demanding that a record be kept of ministers who refuse to answer to select committees. MPs could appeal to the Privy Council direct. Dr Marshall suggests that issues such as ministerial accountability - or the lack of it -- could be referred to the Privy Council it a certain number of MPs demanded it.

learly, ministers would be wary of such a scheme no matter which party was in power. Governments guilty of misconduct, mismanagement or maladministration want the mess covered up, not subjected to impartial investigation. That is the problem. These days even the Leader of the Opposition seems determined not to be held accountable by members of his own party - a tendency that bodes ill for the conduct of government under any

Labour administration.

Yet a Privy Council committee on constitutional issues might be useful even if it had only advisory powers. And it might quickly attain the kind of stature that would make it hard for governments to say no if it were to volunteer to look into matters which they would prefer to keep hidden. The standing of the law lords, former ministers and former top civil servants who would sit on it would also make it difficult for governments to plead national security or intelligence matters as reasons for refusing to co-operate. Above all, the very existence of a Privy Council committee ready to consider the conduct of any government would act as a deterrent to the shenanigans of

Anatole Kaletsky argues that less of our money need be processed by officials, only to be given back

Thave a modest proposal for Cut taxes by the whichever party wins the next election. Both want to reduce public spending to below 40 per cent of national income. I can cut taxes and public spending at a stroke by £5 billion a year. Over time, I could reduce the State's role easiest method to an Asian-style 30 per cent of gross domestic product without hurting a single public service.

Let us start with a figure cited

with a tax credit. (The tax cut would last week in a study published by be smaller than the full E7 billion. the conservative sociologist Patricia Morgan on the madness of Brit-ain's present system of child sup-port. The Government spends £7 billion a year on paying child benefit. Until 1977, the Government because payments would still have to be made to the small minority of parents who now pay less income tax than they get back in benefits, as well as to those who live off welfare.) Similar principles could be applied to other far bigger spending programmes: low-income paid no child benefits; instead, it gave parents tax allowances. Ms Morgan shows that nearly all parents are worse off with today's child housing, public transport and even benefits than the old tax allowances state pensions could all be largely - and argues that average families refinanced by converting cash outlays into tax allowances. Yet in Britain today such painless have suffered big losses from Tory

even more important point.

Today's child benefits add E7 thinkable. All respectable politibillion to public spending and cians agree that the State should therefore to taxes; but the old tax recycle billions in child benefits, allowances achieved the same ends instead of leaving these same billions in parents' pockets. Why? by reducing taxes. If it is possible to achieve exactly the same social re-Forget the pious claims about sult either by cutting taxes and pub-lic spending or by raising them, the defending the interests of women and children against feckless men, right choice seems self-evident: Arrangements to pay a tax credit abolish child benefit and replace it directly to mothers instead of

tax reforms. True, but there is an

fathers would be no more costly than the present administration of child benefits. The real reason why politicians think that paying bene-fits is better than remitting taxes is that the Treasury says so.

Treasury dogma opposes all tax allowances. Its fiscal credo is that taxes should be "transparent" and "neutral". Neutrality means that taxes should not distort incentives: if one person wants to raise a child, while another prefers to raise a pony, the State should not discriminate between them, at least not through the tax system. Transparency requires the exact cost of childsupport to be visible in the public accounts. On both these grounds, it is better for governments to subsidise children directly with cash benefits than by tax reliefs.

But wait. Is the Government really "subsidising" children if it allows their parents to keep more of the money they themselves have

earned? The Treasury says "yes". and describes the few special allowances it has not yet extirpated from the British tax system as "tax expenditures". Consider what this implies. To justify the idea that a tax remisson is equivalent to a government subsidy means appealing to a doctrine favoured by King John before Magna Carta: the view that all of a nation's wealth ultimately belongs to the State. Whatever the

subjects are allowed to keep is then

a gift from the sovereign. In any other political framework, the Treasury view is absurd. In psy-chological and political terms, there is a huge difference between letting parents pay less tax and giving them a state handout. Politicians used to understand this. Socialists wanted child benefits to foster in the middle class a sense of social solidarity and dependence on the State. Conservatives opposed them to encourage self-reliance.

Over the years, however, the political psychology of taxes and public spending has been reversed, though few politicians have noticed. Today, it is the socialists who must minimise the psychological burden of public spending, while the Tories try to exaggerate the size of the State. The surest way for of the State. The surest way for Labour to win this argument would be by turning welfare transfers back into tax allowances. The prize for success would be huge.

By whittling away transfers and letting people keep more of their own money, a Labour government could make Britain feel less highly taxed. And with every reduction in the ratio of taxes and public spending to national income, there would be more hope of raising the funds to pay for improvements inc. the genuine public services which promote the sense of community the Tories have neglected: universal health and education, public safety, culture, scientific research.

As Nye Bevan once said, "Socialism is the language of priorities". Today the priorities for Labour should be clear: fewer benefit payments, lower taxes and a consequently greater willingness to spend on genuine public services.

Patricia Morgan's Are Families Affordable? is published by the Centre for Policy Studies (£5.95).

How we dished our values

Imperceptibly, disgracefully, we have

lost our reverence for the unborn

housands of frozen embryos are being destroyed; meanwhile a healthy woman of 28 has asked to have one healthy twin killed in her womb because she says she cannot cope with it. Each of these has provoked acres of breast-beating controversy. Yet nothing new has happened, nothing whatsoever. The difference between these events and those of every day is in presentation. Any moral shift which has taken place has done so by gradual attrition, over decades. There is an uncomfortable but irresistible parallel

with the sudden public panie about intensive farming: nothing is new except that more people have noticed. Like a drunk waking up in a particular-ly sordid gutter, we have suddenly

flash of clarity what the heedless years have brought us to. Take the matter of the embryos.

currently the subject of emotional coverage by media which have hitherto barely questioned in-vitro fertilisation. IVF is widely accepted as a miracle cure for sub-fertility; it administers to women what is regarded as the "right" to have a child. Yet anybody who has watched IVF scientists at work knows that every day they confront saucers full of fertilised eggs, select the best and dump the rest. Doctors also selectively reduce multiple IVF pregnancies. The current disposal just happens to be larger in scale.

Or take the case, exposed on Sunday, of a fit single mother, pregnant with twins and horrified at the prospect of looking after two new babies (any mother must briefly empathise with that). So (and here the empathy vanishes) she wants to have one killed. This is not illegal: the head of ethics at the BMA. Dr Vivienne Nathanson, points out that although it may cause "instinctive horror, it raises no new ethical issues. "It is exactly the same as any

other abortion at 16 weeks." She is right. Abortions are car-ried out for far more frivolous reasons every day. Pregnancies are terminated because of broken relationships, because of family pressures, because they have arisen from infidelity, because of career plans, even because of holidays. The option to terminate may be taken without serious counselling

or opposition by any woman who is panicking or depressed. Abortion on demand is commonplace: the flip side of the "right" to have a child is the "right" not to bear one to term. The values of consumer choice are routinely applied to childbearing, and most of the time we seem happy to live with that historically unprecedented attitude. It is when the facts are suddenly dramatised for us - when we wake up in the gutter, as the old song goes, and the pig gets up and walks away - that we cringe at ourselves.

The same happened over sales of

surgery to the public finances is un-

ished young men sary and give their sperm, leading to the routine raising of one man's genetic children by an-other. Many of

the children are not even told. Public opinion was jolted only when women started doing what is morally exactly the same thing with genetic material.

It is easy enough to see how we have got to this pitch: the main impetus has been not wickedness but sentimentality. The few reli-gious voices which were raised in opposition to IVF were drowned by a chorus of cooing over baby Louise Brown. That oddly-composed body the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority has seemed to accept without question that the happiness of potential parents outweighs any mystical reverence for the processes of nature, or serious philosophical search for the moment when a human individual comes into being.

As for abortion, the 1967 Act was never intended to produce abortion on demand. I was 17 at the time, a cradle Catholic but a dissident one and an avid follower of women's issues. Perhans the most useful thing I can do now is to trace, on behalf of a generation, the shifting attitude which led us to our present

The idea, as it was sold to us then, was to allow abortion if glving birth would endanger the physical or psychological health of the mother. The talk was of bewildered 13-year-okls, of rape or incest victims for whom the whole process of pregnancy would be a living nightmare; of depressed women with suicidal tendencies; of those who might die, or whose



When did we start to see this as less than sacrosanct?

degenerative illnesses might be accelerated.

Most young women, even those of us who hated the idea, accepted such arguments. It was reinforced by the repulsive arrogance of many "pro-life" spokesmen, who spoke of young women as mere containers for the next generation (it may be hard for male readers to understand just how angry this makes us, but watch next time a husband snatches the glass of wine from his pregnant wife's hand). On the other nand, we were equally queasy at the feminist triumphalism when the Act was passed. Abortion, our secret female selves told us, was nothing to be triumphant about. Not ever.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that for a few years the requirement for there to be real psychological risk to the mother was taken seriously. Girls told of distressing interviews with tough doctors and psychiat-

rists. Later, there developed a network of "sympathetic" ones who would sign on demand. The betteroff you were, the easier it became. Young men of sophistication knew the right number for a girl in trouble to ring; young men of means paid up gracefully. Down in the NHS, it was harder, for longer, to get an abortion on social grounds.

This was so obviously unfair that it gradually changed. After another decade, the custom and practice was that except in a few diehard health regions, any woman who asked for an abortion could get one. The provision on psychological damage proved an enormous loophole: after all in consumer society at large a conviction was growing that not getting what you want is dreadfully bad for you. Health service abortions still took a long time to arrange, and were the more distressing for it: this led to women's campaigns for prompt-

ness, which further distracted us from what we were actually doing. Moreover, sometimes even the earliest abortions left women in a worse psychological state than they had ever expected. Many, now middle-aged, still privately mark each year the day that would have been their first child's birthday.

In the climate created by ever easier abortion, it was unlikely that the "selective reductions" and dis-carding of fertilised eggs in the new IVF process would cause much open disquiet. Privately and individually, a lot of couples rejected this route because of an instinctive reverence for the mystery of the embryo and its link to the act of love. Many more quietly rejected the idea of donor sperm or eggs, out of an equally instinctive reverence for the idea of the natural family. One couple I know rejected artificial insemination by donor on thosi, grounds, but later adopted a baby without qualms because they simply felt "more honest" that way. Others overcame reluctance and took the new artificial routes to parenthood simply because they had no other chance of it: ironically. many were people who would have happily adopted back in the days when abortion was illegal and babies were plentiful.

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o a compassionate, embarrassed atmosphere of unwillingness to hurt anybody's feelings has led us to our present pass. For years it has been enormously difficult for liberal, kindly people to express qualms about the way we treat new life. The propaganda of "pro-life" organisations is loathsome; what good does it do to torment vulnerable women with horror pictures? Churchmen have either been fuzzily forgiving or patriarchally insulting. Moralists who would never lift a finger to help a single mother have thundered unhelpfully at women who abort because of their dread of that precarious state,

Only a few organisations have taken the fully Christian route, welcoming the unwillingly pregnant. offering praise and sympathy when they decide to go through with the. birth, looking after them in the months of helplessness, enabling them either to care for their babies or give them for adoption and to bear the resulting grief. The majority of us blank out the truth about how cavalierly we treat the unborn, and how illogical it is to set an arbitrary date for the birth of

But it may be time we looked more steadily at it all. Otherwise the only sure thing is that the years to come will bring practices even more horrible, even more unnatural, than any we have seen yet.

Kiss and yell

sharp shift in the magazine's previously fawning attitude to the Princess of Wales. It contains an interview with Shirley Hewitt, the mother of James Hewitt, the man who kissed and told on the Princess. Yet only recently Eduardo Sanchez, the courtly Spaniard who owns the magazine, bought up a set of photographs of the Princess topless on holiday so that no one could publish them.

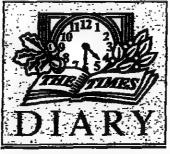
The Hewitt interview, however, has been published by Hello!'s Editor, Maggie Koumi, while Sanchez is on holiday on his Spanish farm. It would be surprising if Sanchez had been consulted. From his record, it is not likely he would approve. He is a man of traditional values for whom the likes of Hewitt rank low on the evolutionary scale. Maggie Koumi's office declined to comment on the interview or the state of play with Senor Sanchez

It was James Hewitt's PR woman, Caroline Parr, who organised the interview, for which Mrs Hewitt is said to have received several thousand pounds. Both

THIS WEEK'S Hello! marks a James Hewitt and Miss Parr were present throughout Mrs Hewitt's interview. Despite the marshmal-lowy content of most of the questioning, the Hewitt faction found the first journalist sent by Hello! to be unsympathetic, so another one was called for who duly completed



"Her at 26 is phoning to report vou"



 Simple initiative rather than a haemorrhage of investment may be the answer to Britain's Olympic problems if Steve Backley is any-thing to go by. The silver medal-ist in the javelin prepared for Atlanta's fetid humidity by keeping his central heating on full blast every night for months before the Games, even during the summer.

Huff and puff

AMERICAN POLITICS is bracing itself for seismic waves this week with the publication of Bare Knuckles and Backrooms: My Life in American Politics, the memoirs of Ed Rollins, one of the toughest political strategists of the past three decades. One of his main targets is

Arianna Huffington, the Greekborn writer turned American political wife, who has the sort of vertical thrust normally seen only on rockets and Turkish

Mrs Huffington, a former president of the Cambridge Union, is married to Michael Huffington, a blank space with very deep pockets who ran for the Senate in 1994. Rollins, who worked on the campaign, describes her as the most

cunning person he has ever met. "scheming" and "ruthless". He also describes a conversation in which Michael Huffington explains his reluctance to release his tax returns during the campaign -"Arianna will figure out how much I am worth and try to spend it all."

All's well

THESE are happy days in Bridlington, Yorkshire, where Nicholas Cunliffe-Lister, the former sonin-law of Viscount Whitelaw, has married his mistress. Before his divorce, Cunliffe-Lister lived with his wife on the estate of his brother, the Earl of Swinton.

He was then discovered by a tabloid paper to be playing mid-week hookie with one Pamela Sykes in a

bungalow in Bridlington. Separation soon followed, and now C-L has made an honest woman of Miss Sykes by marrying her at Bridlington register office.

His ex-wife, Susan, meanwhile, spends much of her time at Burton Agnes Hall, the £10 million estate inherited by her son Simon at the age of 12. "We are just glad we are officially married," says Mrs Cunliffe-Lister II.

● The European Union Youth Orchestra, concluding a three-week



Don't tell Arianna

tour with a Prom at the Albert Hall on Saturday, left the dressing room knee-deep in facial fuzz. Male members of the orchestra had competed to grow the most eff-ective goatee beard during the tour, only to shave them off in the interval - to the surprise of the promenaders.

Bottom line

BEST AVOID Seaview on the Isle of Wight for the next few days. The Bottomleys are in town. Dragooned into endless Blytonesque japes by Matron Virginia, the sprawling clan is annually to be found posing awkwardly for the cameras as their leader does her best to jolly them all along. Lunching at the Royal Yacht Squadron yesterday, the Secretary of State for National Heritage was without her husband, with whom she will sail tomorrow. Predictably enough, he was back at home re-

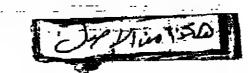
 Fortune never favoured British Semen Exports Limited. a company set up some time ago as a subsidiary of Avoncroft. It did not last long, and for the past few years has

hearsing for his part in the family production of HMS Pinafore.



An unfortunate acronym lain dormant without ever being wound up. As David Matthews, the marketing manager of Avoncroft, puts it. No one would use a com-

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LOSING OUT

The genuinely needy are the victims of benefit fraud

It is only with the greatest reluctance that the establishment of the hotline. It has been as State should encourage its citizens to take an active interest in the private affairs of others. An aversion to informing the Government about one's neighbour's actions is more than a matter of schoolboy honour. It is a natural ecognition that a free society is built on respect for autonomy and a reluctance to prejudge, However, the Department of Social Security's initiative to encourage the public to report suspected benefit fraud is not just a legitimate but a necessary exception. Benefit fraud is theft which hits the most vulnerable hardest. It is a crime which costs billions and should be reported with all the zeal any citizen might apply to a a burglar in his neighbour's home. Some £6 billion of the swollen social

security budget is believed to be consumed by criminal fraud each year. The Secretary of State, Peter Lilley, hopes a national telephone hotline will encourage anonymous callers to alert his department to fraudsters. The proposed hotline has already been piloted in Thameside, Tunbridge Wells, Hull, Blackburn and Burnley.

Respect for privacy may stay the hand of come callers but they should realise that they are the victims of every act of undetected fraud. Most frauds are carried out not by the needy squeezing the system but by organised criminals, many from abroad.

A culture of entitlement inculcated by years of welfare and encouraged by the Left has contributed to a morally confused approach towards benefit. Even now there is a reluctance among some on the Left to condemn benefit fraud as one might any straightforward theft. There is a persistent attitude that the State is an infinitely generous philanthropist which should not concern itself too greatly when sticky hands dip into its deep pockets.

Such moral laziness is apparent in the reaction of opposition politicians to the

depressing as it is confused. The Liberal Democrat spokesman Archy Kirkwood argued: "Fraud detection is taking far too high a degree of priority over entitlement to benefits." Is there any other instance where Mr Kirkwood would argue that detecting crime takes "too high a degree of priority"? Mr Kirkwood should realise that it is only by detecting, and stopping fraud, that the

State can afford generous benefits.
Labour's Social Security spokesman
Henry McLeish worries that "totally innocent people could be the victim of a visit by officials". Mr McLeish's reluctance to see the State tread too heavily might endear him to the libertarian Left but it is hardly the voice of New Labour, the taxpayers' friend. An inconvenient interview which the genuinely innocent need not fear is a small price to pay if it helps recover some of the billions stolen from those who dutifully pay their taxes.

Moreover, the evidence of pilot schemes shows that not only does rigorous scrutiny of callers ensure that very few innocent people are investigated. It suggests that many guilty who might otherwise escape detection can be apprehended. Five schemes received 13,000 calls and half of those supplied information that allowed suspect claims to be questioned.

The hotline will not, in itself, stop fraud. The work of the Social Security Select Committee, and its respected chairman, the Labour MP Frank Field, points to evermore sophisticated subversion of the National Insurance system by increasingly resourceful criminals. It will require dedicated detective work to stop crime at that level. But the scale of the problem should be a spur to action, not a cause for despair. Every fraud halted by the hotline will ensure that more money is available to maintain a civilised level of provision for the poor and

insure each citizen against life's vicissitudes.

CROATIAN ROULETTE

Handle Tudjman with an iron fist in an iron glove

President Tudiman has consistently outwitted European and United Nations negotiators. With his eye still set on the creation of a Greater Croatia, the former communist, turned nationalist, leader has never accepted the restrictions or the logic of the Dayton agreement he signed last year. He has investigators. He has flouted the election of a new Mayor of Zagreb. He has refused to allow Krajina Serb refugees back to their homes. Now he and his fellow Croats in Mostar seem intent on scuttling the elections in the divided Bosnian city, thus undermining next month's general elections in Bosnia and the democratic edifice on which the postwar settlement is supposed to be built.

America, whose long semi-detachment from the Bosnian imbroglio encouraged Mr Tudiman in the opportunist pursuit of his aims, has now acted with commendable firmness. President Clinton summoned him to Washington last week to warn him that international patience is running out. Unless the Mostar Croats accept the local election result and the plan to reunify the shattered city, international willingness to help the rebuilding of Bosnia will fade, alone with the chances for peace.

Mr Tudiman has consistently maintained that he has no control over the Bosnian Croats. Mr Clinton and Sir Martin Garrod. the weary EU administrator in Mostar, know that this is a lie. From the outset, Mr Tudiman has encouraged local Croat opposition to the Croat-Muslim Federation. He has given the Bosnian Croats political, military and economic support, openly and covertly, and made them dependent on his largesse. Wherever possible, the Croat

separatists in Bosnia have been encouraged to identify with Croatia, flying the state's flag, using its currency and even forming themselves into the Croatian Democratic Union - the same name as President Tudiman's own political party. He can decisively influence the Mostar Croats: either urging them to compromise with their Muslim neighbours or, as has been sadly apparent, stiffening their intransigence.

If, after numerous last chances and the extension of deadlines, the BU concludes that it has no further role in helping Mostar function as a city, the pullout will deal a mortal blow to next month's elections. Nationalist groups have little time for the democratic process; they are in no mood to respect any result that goes against their demagoguery. Without credible elections, a withdrawal of the Nato Peace Implementation Force will leave a power vacuum that, in Balkan tradition, will be filled by extremists of ill will. It was not for this that American negotiators cajoled the reluctant leaders to sign the Dayton accords.

President Tudjman has argued that, with the end of hostilities in former Yugoslavia, Croatia must now be fully accepted by its European neighbours. He is demanding aid, investment, generous EU association arrangements and the admission of Croatia to the Council of Europe. None of this would be justified if he continues, by proxy, to pursue his nationalist agenda in Bosnia. It was only in the nick of time that EU governments reversed a short-sighted decision to admit Croatia to the Council of Europe. Mr Tudjman is a hard man, who has the political instincts of an autocrat. He needs to be addressed in similar language.

KEEP THE LID ON

A policeman's lot is not a hatty one

The British Tourist Authority wants the head from battery, though modern villains Metropolitan Police to keep its helmets on. The bobby in Victorian uniform is one of the national symbols, as distinctive as Big Ben, Tower Bridge and the Queen Mother. Only iburists still refer to London policemen as bobbies. For according to the BTA, a tourist knows that this must be Britain as much by the quaint uniform of its policemen as by the mercenary squalor of Heathrow, the traffic jams and the exaggerated accents of the natives, especially as heard on television.

The BTA's opinion coincides with a national review of police uniform. In a fashionable exercise of consultation, policemen are being asked whether they want to retain their helmets as suitable headgear. Their opinions will be taken into account, as far as any such opinions count in any such a poil of human resources. No other police force wears such Ruritanian lids. Younger policemen feel antique in them, and policewomen are mercifully excused them. These are no longer the hats worn by glamorous

heroes of television crime-busting series.

The British policeman's helmet was designed in 1863, when most of the senior Their helmets were modelled on the Prussian pickelhaube, though forces such as the City of London preferred a Trojan helmet with a ridge down the back. And provincial forces went in for even more exotic

headdress such as kepis and shakos. The advantage of the helmet is that its layers of rabbit-skin felt and cork protect the

attack the police in nastier, more cowardly ways. And the protection given by a police helmet is a matter of dispute. The helmet, like the bearskin worn by the Guards, makes its wearer more formidable - or at least taller. And it distinguishes the official police from private security guards, who wear big flat hats because they have big flat heads. The Scottish police finally abandoned helmets for caps with diced hatband in the 1950s. This enabled wits to ask: "If you are a police officer, why are you wearing that black-and-white hatband?" To which the stock answer was: "Just a routine check, sir". before an adjournment to the police station.

The disadvantages of the helmet are that they are quaint, preserving the top-hatted glories of the Bow Street Runners. Helmets fall off, not only when grabbed as souvenirs by equally old-fashioned Eggs, Beans and Crumpets on Boat Race Night, but also by militant protestors at a modern demo. They are so ergonomically ill-designed that they have to be removed and replaced when getting into and out of a car.

Nevertheless, on this matter the tourists are right. Certain things are typical of London: red double-decker buses and telephone boxes, black taxi cabs and policemen in legionary helmets. They are efficient as well as peculiar. The tourists are right about them and the managerial modernisers are wrong. The policemen of England, if they are as conservative as they seem, will vote to keep their heads under their helmets.

TERS TO THE EDITOR

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Swords into ploughshares: views on the jury's verdict

From Mr John Tracy Kelly

Sir, I disagree with your leader of August I. 'Crimes of conscience", on the acquittal of members of the Ploughshares group charged with criminal damage to a Hawk fighter jet (report, July 31).

That the ladies in question were good, courageous Christians should not be allowed to obscure the fact that they also had a good defence in law

they also had a good defence in law and that the verdict was probably the only rational one which a jury could have reached.

By Section 9 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861 "any murder or manshughter whether within the Queen's dominions or without [my italies]... committed by any subject of Her Majesty ... may be dealt with, inquired of, tried, determined and cubilinated in England published ... in England ...

By Section 13 (1) of the Criminal Law Act 1967, "A person may use such force as is reasonable in the circumstances in the prevention of crime able than, say, inflicting bodily harm on a person. When such a defence is raised the prosecution must disprove it beyond reasonable doubt.

Notwithstanding the recent nondecision of Sir Richard Scott (report, February 16, 1996), the Attorney-General should consider prosecuting English companies involved in the sales of arms or ancillary products, for counselling or procuring the offences of murder or manslaughter.

I read that injunctions have been obtained and served on the accused. One hopes that consideration was, or will be, given to the equitable prin-ciples of clean hands and doing equity —eg, by cross-undertakings from Bri-tish Aerospace not to self aircraft to anyone who might use them other than in self-defence, or in any case where there might be any chance of the company closing its eyes to the ultimate use of these weapons.

Yours faithfully, JOHN TRACY KELLY, 107 Ledbury Road, Wil.

From Mr Richard Evans

Sir, I was surprised and delighted at the not-guilty verdict on the four women who smashed up a Hawk jet fighter plane in the interests of cide in East Timor.

Could this principle be applied in other areas? For instance, I strongly

From Dr William M. Foreman

Sir, In my retirement I am a

projectionist at a very well equipped

independent cinema on the coast of

Suffolk. In the past 13 years I can only

recall one occasion when a film distributor has suggested that we

should use a particular sound volume

Every cinema, of course, has its

volume control knob. One of its uses is

to adjust the level according to the size

and age group of the audience, A "full

house" requires a higher setting than

a nearly empty one because people

absorb much more sound than empty

seats do, and more mature audiences

do not tolerate the loud, impressive

sounds that many much younger

When we first open any programme we go down and listen with the

audience and then adjust the volume

to a level that we judge to be

We have to try to set our volume

high enough to make speech easily

intelligible but at the same time not so

high that everybody is deafened by all the other sound effects. It is not always

people seem to enjoy.

Yours sincerely, BILL FOREMAN,

110 High Street,

August 1.

dentists.

the practitioners.

H. F. NORMAN,

Yours sincerely

81 The Brow.

August 2

Wickham Market.

Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Have no fear

From Lieutenant-Commander

Sir, I hasten to assure Mr Roger Cook-

son (letter, July 23; see also letters, July

25, 27) that his dentist's waiting room

is by no means alone in having a Bible

available for patients.

It is a part of the ministry of the "Gideons International" in this coun-

try to place, where possible. Bibles in

the waiting rooms of both doctors and

In the south east Hamoshire area

at least three such waiting rooms have Bibles, placed with the permission of

Widley, Waterlooville, Hampshire,

Sir, I keep a copy of Antique Dental

Instruments in my waiting room and

emergency oxygen in the surgery.

From Mr Michael Austin

Yours reassuringly, MICHAEL AUSTIN

(Dental practitioner),

H. F. Norman, RN (retd)

acceptable to the majority.

for a particular film (letter, July 29).

behave the thermage too many cars on the roadifiese thing, and that they are lifting this occast farough deaths on the road and pellulian.

In the innerests of steroming the flood of new cors that has added to road danger and pollution levels since August I, could I, with impumity, have not into the Ford factory at Dagenhum got min the Pord factory at Dagenhum with a hammer and wreaked my WEET

Yours sincrety. RICHARD EVANS (Co-ordinator, Merica Cycling Campaign). 29 Somerant Avenue, SW20.

From Mr Ronald Fortes

Sir, If a Liverpool jury can find three women not guilty of causing criminal damage simply because they pleaded political motives there must be serious doubts about the jury system as it is at present constituted. Although jury cases do not set legal precedents, the decision to acquit these women will courage others to carry out acts of

East Timor victims

From the Director of Amnesty International UK

Sir, In your leading article of August 1, "Crimes of conscience", you cite Amnesty International's estimate of the number of East Timorese killed by the Indonesian Government since 1975 as 200,000. This figure does not relate only to East Timorese killed by the security forces; it also includes those who have died of starvation or disease since indonesia invaded in 1975. It represents a third of the population of East Timor.

This clarification does not detract, of course, from the depressing human rights situation in Indonesia as a whole: there have been human rights violations on a staggering scale since 1965 in which thousands of citizens have been killed, political and criminal prisoners have been routinely tortured, and thousands of people have been imprisoned following show trials, solely for their peaceful political or religious views.

The violations are continuing and unless concerted domestic and international pressure is applied on Jakarta, there can be little prospect of real improvement.

Yours faithfully. DAVID BULL Amnesty International UK. 99-119 Rosebery Avenue, ECI. August 1.

The sound and the fury Civil Service recruiting From Lord Taylor of Gryfe

Sir, On July 25, the last day of the parliamentary session, a matter of considerable constitutional importance was discussed in the House of Lords. Unfortunately it was not widely reported. It concerned the decision of the Government to privatise the Recruitment and Assessment

Service (RAS) of the Civil Service. Our Civil Service is the envy of many countries with its reputation for independence and integrity, qualities which are fundamental to the functioning of a democratic society. The RAS has played an important role in recruiting good people to work in the service of the State, and is profitable and efficient.

in March, Earl Howe, speaking for the Government, told the Lords: The RAS has a well established reputation as a centre of excellence."

In a subsequent debate the House of Lords called on the Government to abandon the privatisation scheme, voting 124 to 64 against the policy. An all-party select committee under the

Tube strike

From Mr Hans-Hubert Schönzeler

Sir, Your leading article "Down the Tube" (July 29) reminded me of a news item which I read fifty years ago. There was a transport strike in Tokyo and the Japanese workers sorted things out very simply: they continued to run the service normally, so as not to inconvenience the general public, but they refused to collect any fires.

Yours faithfully, HANS-HUBERT SCHÖNZELER, Savage Club, Whitehall Place, SWI. July 29.

Adjournment in Ulster From Sir Kenneth Corley

Sir, So those petty politicians of Northern Ireland who have accepted the task of constructing a formula to bring peace to the Province have reached an unanimous decision. It is to go away on holiday for six weeks (report, July 30). While Londonderry burns, perhaps?

Yours faithfully, KENNETH CORLEY, 4 Abbey Farm. St Bees, Cumbria. **July** 31.

Business letters, page 27

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Atlanta failings vandalism and even terrorism. I had believed one of the aims of the law was to discourage such activities. The outcome of this case is the inevitable result of abandoning any sel-ection of jurors on the basis of suitabil-

ity, and of assuming that any citizen,

no matter how ignorant and irres-ponsible, can undertake this role. It highlights the need for reform of the jury system before it falls into total disrepute.

Deliryn, Castle Morris, Nr Haverfordwest,

Sir, Sincere idealists like the Plough-

shares women would have less cause

to express themselves by extreme

measures if they received more regu-

lar coverage by the media. The Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT),

for example, has been using "sound

arguments and good organisation" as

a means to influence public opinion for many years, with painfully little

Most of the public are unaware of

the Government's complicity in the

genocide in East Timor. I frequently

meet people who are astounded to

learn of the extent to which the

Government subsidises the arms

trade or what a high proportion of

The message put over by this case is that one highly risky and courageous action is worth years of campaigning.
The remedy lies in your hands.
Give us a fairer deal in presenting our

views to the public, and thus bringing

pressure to bear on the Government,

and there may be less need for

Sir, I am politically against paying income tax. I am deeply committed.

May I burn down the offices of my

Inspector of Taxes? I fear he may be

chairmanship of Lord Justice Slynn of

Hadley was then appointed to hear

and examine evidence. This was

almost overwhelmingly opposed to

RAS privatisation, and the committee

reported unanimously that the Gov-

proposal by saying that privatisation was a principle of his party's philos-

ophy. The Government made clear on

July 25 that it would ignore the views

This has important implications for

the future of Civil Service recruitment

since it will now be handled by an

outside body concerned with profit for its shareholders and will lose its

in pursuit of party dogma the Govern-

ment has shown contempt for the

House of Lords and its important role

From the President of the Union of

Sir. Although Mr Norris McWhirter

(letter, July 31) may believe that there are unhealthy high levels of "unfunded" pension debt in the EU, he

does not complete the picture. Some of

us believe that "funding", as in the

The UK may congratulate itself that

its debt level is lower, but at what cost!

The typical medium-sized manufac

turer is forced to "fund" a pension

fund, thus draining cash from the business. These "funds" are the vital

source of capital for institutional fund

managers, enabling them to exercise

their august power in the UK stock-

market - the root cause of short-term-

ism which has so failed the UK

economy.

If the British manufacturer was

allowed to retain these same funds

and pay its people pension liabilities from the cash flow of its own business,

the long-term investment problem in

the UK would not exist. Priority and

protection of the employees' pensions

should be secured legally by in-

Present Government policy has

been influenced by the City's vested

interests, to give even greater power to

these institutions. We should change

rather than vice versiz, as Mr

our policies and benefit industry.

Union of Independent Companies,

17 Gillingham Street, SWI.

surance, as in Germany.

McWhirter advocates.

Yours faithfully, W. G. POETON,

President,

The decision also makes clear that

ernment case had not been made. Giving evidence to the committee, Mr Michael Hesettine, the Deputy Prime Minister, could only justify his

about to send me a tax demand.

credit it takes up.

ectreme measures.

(Member, CAAT).

Yours faithfully,

RUPERT RIDGE.

Brockley Elm House

Brockley, Backwell.

North Somerset.

August L.

of the Lords.

public service ethos.

as a revising chamber.

Sincerely, TAYLOR of GRYFE,

Pension debt

Independent Companies

UK, is a dubious operation.

House of Lords.

August 1.

DOROTHY FORBES

From Mr Rupert Ridge

59 Wheelers Lane, Kings Heath, Birmingham 13.

Yours sincerely

August 5.

result and scant media coverage.

Yours faithfully, RONALD FORREST,

From Mrs D. M. Forbes

Pernorokeshire.

July 31.

From Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith

Post mortem on

Sir, Whilst I share the disappointment expressed by so many in our achievements at the Olympic Games in Atlanta (leading article, August 5), I am concerned at the reasons being given in the press and the laying of blame with the Government.

It is a fact of life that our Olympic sportsmen and women compete at a disadvantage since many countries allocate far greater resources to the training of their elite competitors. Having said that, the very considerable cost of sending our athletes and the all-important support staff to, and accommodating them at, their training camps and the Games was met by a sponsorship programme and a national appeal to industry and the

general public. In due course there will doubtless be a post mortem. I suspect that one of the factors will be the running down of sports activity in schools. Whatever the outcome of that debate, it should be understood that it is not due to lack of funding for our presence at the

Yours faithfully. G. MAITLAND SMITH (Chairman. 1996 British Olympic Appeal), 100 Park Lane, WI. August 5.

From Mrs Doreen Davie

Sir, As a doting grandparent, I have attended many sports days in various schools over the last two decades, and have seen all competitive spirit knocked out of our children. No child was allowed to win or lose a race, and sports days are often no more than a pointless charade. Throwing money at the problem now will do little to restore the thrill of competition or the will to win.

Yours faithfully DOREEN DAVIE, Omega Cottage, High Street, Silverton, Exeter. August 4.

From Dr John B. Cordwell

Sir, Your report today that had the Soviet Union still existed it would have topped the table with 114 gold, silver and bronze medals pales into insignificance against the tally for the EU if it had entered as a single country - 218 by my reckoning.

Yours sincerely, Greenlea, Haw Street. Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire. August 5.

From Professor J. N. Murrell

Sir, Instead of spending £100 million or so of our lottery money on sports facilities, would it not be better value for money to buy in a few more foreign sports people; another Canadian or South African tennis star, for example. Can we not find someone to marry a Russian gymnast or hurdler?

I am, of course, just using the same argument as is used against spending more on basic science and engineering, ie, it is cheaper to buy it in at a later stage from those countries foolish enough to spend their money that way.

JOHN MURRELL (Dean), The School of Chemistry, Physics and Environmental Science, University of Sussex. Falmer, Brighton, East Sussex. August 5.

Olympic hurdles

From Mr Ian Harragan

Sir, Mr Alwyn James (letter, August 1) should be careful, when talking to his Martian friends, not to confuse high hurdling with show jumping. Look at it in terms of the object being to beat one's competitors to a line 110 metres away, encountering ten obstacles on the way, and it begins to make sense.

Personally, I think that going through the damn things rather than over them only serves to increase the difficulty of the task.

Yours faithfully. IAN HARRAGAN, 56a Gibson Square, Islington, N1.

August 1.

Healthy living From Mr F. M. Pert

Sir. "Sardines ... ought to be available only on prescription" (report, August 2). Please do not encourage a cash-strapped Government to charge me £5.50 for a favourite 33p snack.

On the other hand I would actively encourage the researchers to find similar medicinal qualities in smoked salmon or caviare. Yours faithfully,

FRANK PERT. Brook House, 3 Craig Walk, Windermere, Cumbria. August 2

From Mr Robert Twyford

Sir. Is the energy I am using to write to you generated by excess vitamin B12 in the sardines I had for lunch, or by an allergic reaction to the recent outbreak of nonsense on this subject?

Yours faithfully, ROBERT TWYFORD, Linden Lea, Tuesley Lane, Godalming, Surrey,

The Pantiles, Shirley Drive, Hove, East Sussex.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE August 5: The Prince Edward, Patron, this evening attended the Ocean Youth Club's Reception at the Royal Corinthi-an Yacht Club, Cowes, Isle of

BUCKINGHAM PALACE August 5: The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this afternoon attended a Council Meeting on board HMY Britannia, Cowes, Isle of Wight

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines COMMODORE: J T Tamblyn MOD London, 24.1.97. CAPTAIN: P M Cheesman -DGTS/POB Bristol, 15.7.96; D G Snelson - Liverpool, 18.12.96. COMMANDER: K I M Clark -Dryad MWC, 18.3.97; GT Costello - exchange Australia, 13.12.96; R D Coupe - Sultan, 17.1.97; P D Crabtree - Invincible, 18.11.96; E. Fraser - Dryad MWC, 20.12.96; R A Goddard - Lisbon, 31.10.96; D J Lye - Devonport, 6:12-96; A J K Nicoll - SHAPE Belgium, 22-4-97; A K Ross - exchange USA, 20.9-96. MAJOR: M J D Noble - 45CDO RM. 28.3.97.

The Royal Society of Chemistry

The following were admitted as Fellows of The Royal Society of Chemistry in July 1996. They are entitled to use the designation 'Chartered Chemist' and the letters CChem EPSC:

Chem FRSC.

E H Billett, K Dixon, C M Dobson, G M Ecclesion, P D Faint, C B Faust, C Kiss, D R Merrifield, J L Mokrosz, C J Rhodes, M G Rolph, D Samuel, G Singh, J Smart, J M Sykes, M B Turrell, P Vadgama, R J Watling, I R Williams

Lord-Lieutenant of Inverness

Lord Gray of Contin to be Lord-Lieutenant of inverness in succes-sion to the late Lieutenant Commander Lachlan Mackintosh of Mackintosh.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Matthew Parker, Archbishop of Canterbury 1559-75, Nor-wich, 1504; François de Salignac de la Mothe-Fénelon, theologian, Périgord. France, 1651; Alfred Tennyson, ist Baron Tennyson, Poet Jaureate 1850-92, Somersby, Lincolnshire, 1809; Rolf Boldrewood (Thomas Alexander Boldrewood (Inomas Alexandria Browne), writer, London, 1826; Paul Claudel, poet, dramatist and diplomat, Villeneuve-sur-Fere, 1868; Sir Alexander Fleming, bacteriologist and discoverer o penicillin. Nobel laureate 1945. Darvel, Strathclyde, 1881; William Slim, 1st Viscount Slim, field marshal, Governor-General of Australia 1953-60, Bristol, 1891. DEATHS: St Dominic, founder of

the Dominican Order of Friars, Bologna, 1221: Anne Hathaway, wife of William Shakespeare, Stratford-upon-Avon, 1623; Ben Jonson, dramatist, London, 1637; Diego Velázquez, painter, Madrid, 1660; David Allan, painter, Edinburgh, 1796; Sir Cedric Hardwicke, actor, New York, 1964; Fulgencio Batista y Zaklivar, dicrater of Cuba 1933-49 and 1952-59, Spain, 1973: Giovanni Batista Montini, Pope Paul VI 1963-78, Castelgandolfo, 1978: Marino Marini, sculptor, Viareggio, Italy.

The dissolution of the Holy Roman Empire, 1806. The Savoy Hotel opened, 1889.

The electric chair was used for the William Kemmier in New York.

An atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima by the Americans, 1945.

Today's birthdays

The Countess of Albemarle, Freddie Laker, creator, 87; Sir Chris Bonington, mountaineer, 62; Mr Billy Boston, rugby league player, 62: Mr Richard Buckle, writer and exhibition designer, 80; Mr Alastair Creamer, Dean, London College of Music and Media, 37; Mr Ron Davies, MP. 50; Mr Michael Decley, film producer, 64; Mr J.H. Emlyn Jones, former presi-dent, Alpine Club, 81: Mr Bill Emmott, Editor, The Economist. 40: Colonel J. Ellis Evans, former Lord-Lieuten-Evans, Chief Constable, Devon and Cornwall, 53; Mr Frank Finlay, actor, 70; Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Ford, Prag, former MEP, 73; Mr 73: Dame Monica Golding, former Colonel Commandant, QARANC, 94: Sir Howard of Tweeddale, 49; Miss Barba-Hodgkin, painter, 64; Sir ra Windsor, actress, 59.

Skytrain Air Passenger Service, 74: Mr James Lees-Milne, architectural historian, 88; Sir Donald McCallum. engineer, 74; the Rev Dr Robert McCrea, MP, 48; Air Vice-Marshal T.C. Macdonald, 87; Sir David Madel, MP, 58; Mr Dom Mintoff, former Prime Minister of Malta, 80: Mr Robert Mitchum, actor,

Mr David O'Brien, racehorse trainer, 40; Sir Duncan Oppenheim, former president, Company, 92; Mr Jack Par-nell, drummer, 73; Judge Valerie Pearlman, 60: Mr Derek John Reid, jockey, 41; Lord Swaythling, 68; the Marquess

Memorial service for Simon Cadell

A memorial service for Mr Sim Cadell was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Roeves officiated, assisted by the Rev John Robson.

Miss Selina Cadell, sister, Mr Peter Howell, Mr Tim Pigott-Smith, Mr John Wells, Mr Donald Sinden and Miss Joanna Lumley gave readings. Mr Gytes Brandreth, MP, gave an address. Miss Patricia Hodge with Mr Jonathan Cohen sang If Love were

all and Miss Su Pollard sang Look for the Silver Lining. Mr Stephen Barlow also took part. Among others present were:

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Mrs Gillian Cadell (mother), Mrs Rebecca Cadell (widow), Patrick Cadell (brother), Mr and Mrs David Croft (father-in-law and mother-in-law), Mr John Croft, Mr Ichard Croft and Mr John Croft, Mr Ichard Croft and Mr John Croft, Mr Ichard Croft, Mr and Mrs Nick Croft, Mr and Mrs Nick Croft, Mr and Mrs John Sims and Mr Peter Farago and Miss Penny Croft (brothers-in-law) and Mr Stone Sims, Ichard Croft, Mr and Mrs John Sims and Mr Peter Farago and Miss Penny Croft (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Edwin Thomas, Oliver Farago, Charlotte Sims, Elisabeth Sims, Johnny Sims, Mr Ian Cadell, Mr Christopher Cadell and other members of the family.

Mrs Jean Flower, Mrs Donald Sinden, Mrs Gyles Brandreth, Aphra Brandreth, Mrs Tim Pigott-Smith, Mrs Delia Sinden, Miss Kezia Sinden, Mr and Mrs John Gale, Mrs Jane Cadell, Mr Michael Williams, Mr John Gale, Mrs John Gale, Mrs John Gale, Mrs John Gale, Mrs John Holland, Mr John Jackson and Miss Ruth Madoc, Mr and Mrs Ian Lavender, Mr Jimmy Perry, Miss Angela Pleasence, Mr John Tydeman, Miss Jane How, Miss Christina Shepherd, Mr Stuart Nourse, Mr Julian Spear and Miss Ruth Madoc, Mr and Mrs Tan Lavender, Mr John Bird, Mr Strath Nourse, Mr John Bird, Mr Strath Nourse, Mr John Bird, Mr S Kershaw, Mr Sheridan Moriey, Mr John Bird, Mr S Kershaw, Mr Sheridan Moriey, Mr John Hoden, Miss Gillian Diamond, Mrs Mars Angharad Rees, Mr Kit Hesketh-Harvey and Mrs Catherine Rabett, Dr and Mrs R Moffatt, Mr Nick Angell, Mr Brian Glerville, Mr Robert Mitchell, Mr Brian Glerville, Mr Robert Mitchell, Mr Brian Michael, Mr Shristopher Good, Mrs Cheryl Mitchell, Mr Brian Michael Tyrrell, Mr And Mrs Tim Mortinit, Mr. Nick Angel, Mr. Brian Glenville, Mr. Robert Mitchell, Mr. Brian Glody, Mrs. Cheryl Mitchell, Mr. Michael Tyrrell, Mr. and Mrs. Trm. Slack, Mrs. Alexis Moriey, Mr. J. Shier. Mr. Peter Lord, Ms. Carole Ashby, Ms. Alison Worth, Mr. and Mrs. P. Nias, Mrs. M. Baker-Munton, Ms. Carole Morris, Major Lance Brett, Mr. Peter Howell, Mrs. Jo. Howell, Mrs. Adrian Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Lawson.

Brett, Mr Peter Howell, Mrs Jo Howell.

Mr and Mrs Adrian Lawson, Miss Heather Gordon, Ms Jane Wymark, Mrs Veronica Hodges, Mr Peter Oliver, Mr Raymond Plowman, Mr Derek Gibney, Mr Waiter Jocell, Mr Simon Moore, Miss Cynthia Byam-Cook, Mr Charles Byam-Cook, Mr Mark Pawsey, Mr Arbeid, Ms Alison Griffin, Mr Bill Gaunt, Miss Sve Hodge, Mr and Mrs David Berridge, Mr Trevor Hughes, Mr Chris Gee, Mr and Mrs Malcolm Godwin, Mr Philip Joseph, Mr Richard



Simon Cadell's widow Rebecca and their sons, Alec aged 8, and Patrick, 10







Havergal, Mr and Mrs Mike Carwell, Mr Richard Gibson, Ms Rosaithd March, Mr Bryn Thomas, Mr Gareth Thomas, Ms Briony Giasgow, Mr and Mrs Tony Hayes, Mr Douglas Livingstone, Mr and Mrs John Phillips, Mr Tom Hewlett, Ms Cavole Morris, Mr and Mrs Elant Caws, Mr Peter Shephard, Mr Francis Burrow.

Mr Ben Aris (director, The Royal

Theatrical Fund) and Mrs Roslyn Oliver (secretary). Mr Charles vance (vice-chairman, Theatres Advisory Councill, Mr Albert Critoph (British Music Hall Society), Mr Robin Barter (Concert Artistes' Association), Mr Rodney West (Bristol Old Vic Theatre School), Mrs Lisa Parkes (Walton Theatre Collection) and Mr Julian Lipson (Maccarlane's).

University news

ADRIAN SHERRATT

Honour School of Jurisprudence: Prizes. Trinity Term.

Martin Wronker Prize - for the best overall performance: Simon C. Birt, Brasenuse College Proxime accessit: Andrea L McClung. Lincoln College

Prizes from the Martin Wronker Fund — for the best performance in the following papers: Jurisprudence: Joe-Hynn Yang. Brasenose College Tort: Paul G. Lewis, St Anne's

College: Jacob T. Carneron. Worcester College Land Law: Kathryn A. Farthing. Hertford College Trusts: Kelyn M. Bacon, Merton

Administrative Law: Kathryn A Farthing, Hertford College: Sonia R. Harris, Christ Church: Dinusha N. Paditaratne, Balliol

Prizes from law firms: Slaughter and May Prize - for the best performance in Contract: Arun K. Birla. Keble College Richards Butler Prize - for the best performance in International

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Prizes in Bachelor of Civil Law/Magister Juris in European and Comparative Law The following prizes have been awarded as a result of the examination for the degrees of Bachelor of Civil Law and Magister Juris in European and Comparative Law:

The Vinerian Scholarship 1996 The Scholarship has been awarded to Jeremy K. Kirk, Magdalen College.

The Rupert Cross Prize 1996 The prize for the best performance in the paper in Evidence has been swarded to Tshun H. Tey. St Hugh's College.

The John Morris Prize 1996 The prize for best performance in the paper in the Conflict of Laws has been awarded to Bernard T. Porter, Jesus College. The Herbert Hart Prize 1996 The prize for best performance in

the paper in Jurisprudence and Political Theory has been awarded to Hanoch Sheunman, Lincoln The Clifford Chance Prize 1996 The prize for the best performance in the Magister Juris has been awarded to Marnix A. Leijten,

Magdalen College.

Forthcoming of marriages

Mr E.R. Barton and Mrs J.M. Simson The engagement is announced between Mr Raymond Barton, of Old Harlow, Essex, and Mrs Janet Simson, of Fulham, SW6. The marriage will take place on December 7, 1996.

Mr K-A.B. Jorgensen and Miss M. Playfair The marriage of Kjell-Arne, son of Mrs S. Jorgensen and the late Professor Jorgensen, of Oslo, and Miranda, daughter of Professor and Mrs J.H.L. Playfair, of London, will take place at Chelsea Old Town Hall on Thursday. August 29, at 3pm, and at Blythburgh Church, Suffolk on Saturday, August 31, at 3pm.

Marriages

The Hon O.W. Montagu and Miss L.A. Roundell
The marriage took place on Saturday. August 3, at St Mary's,
Acton, between the Hon Orlando Montagu. son of the Earl and Countess of Sandwich, and Miss Laura Roundell, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Roundell.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Georgina Mounsey, Miss Romany Hamilton, Miss Donna Richards and Lady Jemima Montagu. Viscount Hinchingbrooke and the Hon Nathaniel Rothschild were

home of the bride, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad. Mr C.N. Baxter and Miss C.M. Ashbee

The marriage took place on August 2 at Downing College, Cam-bridge, of Mr Craig Norman Baxter, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Robert Baxter, of Lynsted, Kent, and Miss Catherine Mary Ashbee, daughter of Dr and Mrs Andrew Ashbee, of Snodland, Kent.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her lather, was at-tended by Miss Angela Murphy. Mr Russell Baxter, brother of the groom, was best man.

Mr E.F. Gordon Clark and Miss F.D.J. Crosthwa The marriage took place on Sat-urday, July 27, at St Breoke Parish Church, Cornwall, of Mr Edmund Gordon Clark, second son of Mr. and Mrs Francis Gordon Clark, of Lasham, Hampshire, and Miss Flora Crosthwaite, only daughter of Mr Charles Crosthwaite, of Callington, Cornwall, and Mrs Michael Madden, of Withiel, Cornwall

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Rebecca Deacon, Emily and Hugo Barttelot, Rose Crosthwaig Xavier Gordon Clark, Camilla and Algernon Trotter. Mr Thomas Stopford-Sackville was best man. A reception was held at Prideaux Place and the honeymoon is being

Council archaeologists get a united voice

THE image of the archaeologist as gung-ho excavator, or fusty professor, is an enduring cliche of cartoons and films: ministrator is an unfamiliar role, to the public at least (Norman Hammond writes). Algao, the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers, has been formed to

dispel that ignorance.

of a new era in British archaeology: it sees the birth of a new organisation," says Algao. The body parallels at professional ment association which will represent all local authorities in England and Wales from April 1997.

Membership in Algao will consist of the senior professional archaeologists in shire counties and their historic cal resource is now an estab-"This marks the beginning

towns. London and other boroughs, the remaining metropolitan authorities, and National Parks, Northern Irealso be represented. The body aims to act as a voice for archaeology in local government and to promote professional standards and public

understanding.

lished part of local authority environmental work," said Bob Croft, Somerset county archaeologist and Algao's first

Indiana Jones would not be admitted to Algao; but these chief executives of our collective past will, in spite of their lower public profile, probably do more good for archaeology and for its public

Church appointments

The Rev Charles Knowles. Vicar, St Mary Magdalen, Hearsell Lane, Coventry: to be o Area Dean of Coventry South.

The Rev Margaret Paskett, Archbishop's Adviser in Women's Ministries and parttime Assistant Curate, Marske-in-Cleveland: to be Priest-in-charge, Heming-brough, and Training Officer Turkey (Europe).

in the York Archdeaconry. The Rev Lawrence Pizzey, Priest-in-charge, St Gregory. Sudbury: to Dean of Sudbury (St Edmundsbury and (pswich). The Rev Ronald Rogers, Priest-in-charge, St Saviour's, Pimlico (London): to be Chaplain, St John's, Izmir, and St Mary Magdalene's, Bornova,

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DEATHS

ABBOTT - Stephen Nash on 2nd August, after a courageous light against cancer, husband of Evelyn and father of Catherine, Diane and Blinsbeth Funsen on Friday 9th August at 1.30pm at Breakspeur Crematorium, Ruislip, No Bennie Hospice at Home. Domations and enquiries to annual funses to the courage of the course of the cours

AIRD-FAIRLEY - Benjamin Alexander, in his 17th year, suddenly but peacefully on 1st August 1996, on the Greek island of Angistri, while on holiday with his family. Beloved son of junifer Aird and Feter Fairley and brother of Corimder. His funeral will be at Kelsale Church, Suffolk. Enquiries please to Tony Brown Funeral Service, Saxmundham, (01728) 603108.

SARTOM - On Friday 2nd August, quietly, released from Alzheimers, Derek Barton, novelist, ioved by Phillipa, Fan, Tasha, hisamily and friends. Funcal 2pm on Friday 9th August at Rindells Park Cematorhum, Leatherhead, Surrey (tel: 01372 363181). Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Eslatives Association, 5 Tavistock Place, Lundon WCI.

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CLARKE - Margaret (née Braithwaite) of Milidale, Derbyshire (formerly of Ashton-ander-Lyas, Hempstead and Kentish Town). Pancaidily on August 2nd after a long illness-Much loved by Debble, Famela, Lilian, Phyl. Bill, family and friends. For further enquiries please contact W. Jones & Son, Funeral Directors, tel: (01335) 360319.

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3rd, Lt. Col. Charles M.L. Clements M.C. of Carnalway Lodge, Kilcullen, late of the 4th Queen's Hossass. Danry loved husband of Mary. Funcial action of Mary. Funcial action of Mary. Eurhedral, Kildare on Tuesday Angust 6th at 3 pm. Burlal afterwards at Carnalway Churchyard. House Private.

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DUMPHY - Sister Madeline of Loreto Convent, Llandudno, Grynadd, previously at St Album, Herts, suddenly but peacefully on 31st July 1996. Desply regretted by her family, Loreto Community and many friends. Removal to the Church of Our Lady, Str of the Sea, Thursday 8th August 8 pm. Regulem Mass 12 noon Friday 9th August 19 noon Friday 9th August 1996. May abe rent in peace.

EDWARDS - Anthony Faul John on 23rd July 1996, suddenly but peacefully at 8t Mary's Hospital, Paddington aged 73 years. The funesal has taken place and, by request, there will be no memorial service or requiem. Enquiries to T. Pennack & Son (01245) 471157.

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GREGORY - Thomas John passed away on 1st August, 1996 at the Adventist Hospital, Heng Kong following a long illness. Private crymation on 8th August, 1996. Memorial stries to be amounced. Any donations to the Cancer Foundation. No flowers places.

GUTHRIE JOMES - On 4th August Griffith Winston Guthrie Jones C.C. of Cullesmanne, Silgo Island. The beloved husband of Jamet. Funesal on Thursday 8th August St Anne's Church, Standidli, Silgo.

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Geoff Hamilton, gardener, died after collapsing during a cycle race on August 4 aged 59. He was born on August 12, 1936.

GEOFF HAMILTON, the presenter of Gardeners' World for the past 17 years, was an anachronism in modern broadcasting. Casually dressed, windswept and muddy, Hamilton gave the nation's gardeners what they needed practical, sound advice. The lamentable march towards slick presentation and lightweight content which characterised most other programmes of the genre had no place in Hamilton's philosophy.

Television producers sometimes wanted to change the programme, and particularly to tone down what was, in their estimation, its most boring aspect - the gardening. They suggested items about design, history and statues. Hamilton, at least until the last few years, resisted their arguments successfully. Gardeners' World, in his book, was there for making the practical aspects of gardening intelligible to everyone, and he was vindicated in his approach by viewing figures of the million. five million. Amateur gardeners knew that he could be trusted, and that he spoke from personal experience. As in is broadcasting style, so in his clothes: Hamilton wore exactly what he liked. His uniform in the garden was an unorepossessing lumberjack shirt, rule by jeans and a pair of old gym shoes. He was once named the worstdressed presenter on television.

Hamilton was at the spearhead of the organic gardening movement in this country. Twenty or thirty years ago fewer amateur gardeners would have kept their own compost heap. These days nearly every gardener uses compost, and many learnt the proper way to make it by watching Hamilton. Hamilton taught people that there were alternatives to chemicals, that a potato or apple did not need to be artificially large and perfect to be edible. He had recently broadened his campaign to attack the devastation of limestone pavements in the North of England, which were being dug up

and sold to rockery gardeners.

Geoff Hamilton was one of identical twin sons born in Stepney in the East End of London. Later, when Geoff became a celebrity, his brother Tony was often mistakenly asked for gardening advice. He reached the stage where he would answer all questions with: "Jumprune it right down to the

Their grandfather was a music-hall performer, which may account for Hamilton's ease in front of the camera. Their father was passionate about the countryside, and removed his family to **GEOFF HAMILTON**



live in the Lea Valley in Hertfordshire when Geoff was a small boy. Geoff was educated at the local grammar school and during the holidays worked in nurseries. Even at that age he knew precisely what he wanted to do with his ife. After National Service with the RAF, he trained at the Writtle College

of Agriculture in Essex. He was on the brink of opening his own nursery in 1970 when he met the editor of the weekly tabloid newspaper Garden News (Hamilton had bought a plot of land from the editor). This led to his being hired by the paper. Hamilton was the new boy in the office, and did all the lowly jobs, including answering letters from readers.

From there he moved in 1975 to become editor of the glossier monthly Practical Gardening (a glossy gardening journal, in those days, had only a couple of pages of colour). Hamilton turned this into an eminently practical step-by-step gardening timetable for gardeners, showing them what tasks should be performed in their garden each month: pruning, weeding, sowing, planting bulbs. He wrote almost the whole issue, cover to cover, in the

His break on television came with a few gardening features for the news

magazine programme Look East. In 1979 he took over Gardeners' World, the old home of Percy Thrower. At about the time he joined, Hamilton spotted Barnsdale, a Victorian farmhouse in Rutland. A tempting five and a half acres were attached to the house, which would provide useful room for Hamilton to demonstrate new techniques in the programme: Hamilton seriously overextended himself buying the house - it cost £100,000, which was a fortune for him at the time. But it was an excellent investment, as he had foreseen. An understanding bank manager gave him a loan, and

Hamilton moved in. The BBC provided him with a backup team of three gardeners, which became essential as his broadcasting and writing commitments began to take up almost half of his working week. But the whole family also became involved. His second wife, Lynda, gave up her job as a French teacher and was pressed into service as waterer and weeder. One of the sons from his first marriage worked at the plant centre there, which was set up to specialise in unusual plants.

The programme went out at 8.30 in the evening on Friday nights, from

almost entirely from Barnsdale, which resembled not so much a garden as a ries of outdoor, living television indies: Hamilton of parties are a rose ander, estale parties and the parties of the parties

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measured out a small south facing plot sheltered by the back wall of his farmhouse provided diamage with the addition of tons of graves and set about growing plants which by his own admission, he had no right to grow. Here, visitors could see Othonnopsis and Tulbaghia growing under the mistaken impression that they were in Sicily.

The technical backup needed for those early years in Hamilton's garden presented its own logistic headache. but gave the programme a certain continuity. Huge outside broadcast vehicles would drive to Barnsdale, disgorging lengths of cable and a small army of sound engineers. The programme's guests would arrive at Hamilton's house, and after a few rehearsals be interviewed. The whole programme had a "live" feel to it.

All that changed when smaller camera units were introduced after the programme was handed to independent produers in 1993. Much more of the programme was filmed in other parts of the country, from viewers' impressive gardens. This produced charming pictures, but it was still Hamilton, literally getting his hands dirty for the camera, who provided the backbone to the whole show. As Hamilton's unlikely celebrity grew, his television and writing career ran into new channels: a series on cottage gardens, columns for magazines and books.

Hamilton was in person everything he appeared to be in front of the camera: avuncular and approachable. Gardening had taught him to be philosophical, he said, and to realise that he was not the centre of the universe. He continued to work just as energetically, even after a heart attack last year. He once said that he would have chosen for his epitaph the words Cercidiphyllum japonicum, the name of the tree he would like planted over his grave. "It is a lovely honey colour and it will last about 60 years and then die. And that's all right."

He is survived by his wife Lynda and three sons from his first marriage.

Salvador died on July 24 aged 79 He was born on 16172 1917

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A regular bodyguard was assigned to the new British envoy, who was to spend the next six months in mortal fear.

next six months in mortal fear, with Security men always stationed outside his room at night. At the end of that period, however, the same American told him: "Gee boy, you can relax now, the probiem has been liquidated" after which his time in El Salvador passed uneventfully.

The Clibborns had been bred to insecurity. After crossing the Channel with the Normans, they settled in Northumberland, adopting the English name of Clayburn. But then they backed the losing side in the Civil War. Forced to flee, one brother left for America, the other for Ireland - whence Donovan's branch of the family had sprung. They had returned to England after losing their lands again in the last century.

Donovan Harold Clibborn was born in Rochester, Kent, the son of a civil servant. Before he was 13, however, both parents were dead, leaving him to be brought up by an elder brother and sister. From Ilford High School, Essex. Don, as he was known to family and close friends, went to St Edmund Hall, Oxford, to read Spanish and French. He rowed for his college, became president of the University Spanish Society and played an active role in the Spanish Civil War raising funds for the Republi-

can cause and visiting the country more than once. On graduating he won a

at Queen's College, Oxford, which took him to Argentina for two years. Then he entered the consular service in 1938. His first foreign posting as a vice-consul in Genoa was interrupted, however, by the outbreak of war.

ONOVAN CLIBBORN

Commissioned into the Intelligence Corps, Clibborn served at Bletchley Park where intelligence teams had succeeded in breaking the German codes. He was on General Montgomery's staff in the Western Desert, liaising with the Long-Range Desert Group, before moving on to Sicily, Italy and North-West Europe where he was present at the surrender of Brussels.

While in the Desert, Clibborn was mentioned in dispatches and was seriously wounded. Fragments of lead remained dangerously near to his spinal cord through much of his life, causing discomfort from time to time and at one point nearly bringing about his death. Demobilised with the rank of major, he returned to the Foreign Service and spent most of the rest of his life travelling the world.

He was consul in Los Angeles, 1946-48, a first secretary in Madrid, 1950-52, Rio de Janeiro, 1952-56, and Madrid, 1956-60. Promoted counsellor, he went on to serve in Milan, Tehran and again at Rio de Janeiro before being made Laming travelling fellowship

consul-general in Barcelona in 1966 and Ambassador to El Salvador four years later.

His first wife Margaret, who was half-italian, had died unexpectedly following a minor operation while they were in Brazil in 1966 - the same year in which he was appointed CMG. Seven years later he married again and, after retiring in 1975 on leaving El Salvador, he settled near Barcelona with his second, Spanish-born, wife.

Clibborn spent most of his life overseas. Perhaps this was a conscious decision on his part. He could seem a rather private, distant man. But he enjoyed the good things of life, including good food and fine wine and the company of friends. He often amused himself by writing humorous verse, including limericks and pastiches.

Among those whom he en-tertained on various postings throughout the world were the ballerina Dame Margot Fonteyn and the pianist Solomon. Indeed, he once practised yoga with the latter while in Madras.

He is survived by his second wife Victoria, whom he first met while consul-general in Barcelona, and by one son and two daughters from his first marriage, and a stepson and two stepdaughters from his

MGR PIERRE CLAVERIE

r Pierre Claverie Bishop of Oran, was murdered in Oran on August 1 aged 58. He was born on May 8, 1938.

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ALTHOUGH accustomed to the climate of violence in Algeria, Pierre Claverie worked throughout his life as ing of the Islamic faith. His

a spokesman for peace. Holding dual Algerian and French nationality, he stood, in the words of the Prime Minister, Alain Juppe, "as a man of dialogue between religions and cultures". Claverie was a committed Christian, but also had a profound understand-

work was concerned not with religious conversion but with discussion. The key word in his religion, he once said, was 'dialogue".

When seven French Trappist monks were kidnapped from their monastery and brutally beheaded by Islamic extremists in May of this year,

CODITADEODISIV 12moreo French Government warnings to leave Algeria and persisted in his struggle for the achievement of peace. Last Thursday he accompanied the French Foreign Minister, Hervé de Charette, to pay homage at the graves of the murdered monks. It is believed that the

Armed extremisi Group saw the occasion as an opportunity to avenge the death of its own leader Zitouni who claimed to have instigated the murder and had himself later been assassinated by a rival group of terrorists in

As de Charette flew back to France after the ceremony, a bomb exploded in Claverie's residence in Oran, killing both him and his driver. He was the nineteenth French deric to have been killed in Algeria in the three years since Islamic extremists started to single out foreigners as targets.

Henri Pierre Claverie was born into a Roman Catholic family, one of a fourth generation of French settlers, at a time when Algeria was administrated as a department of the French Republic. He grew up in the Bal-el-Oued quarter of the capital and was always to consider Algeria as his home, though he studied for a time in Egypt where he learnt to speak Arabic. He also went to the Saulchoir in Paris to pursue his religious studies under the Dominicans. During the Algerian War he helped to protect Algerian militants by shielding them from the police.

Claverie was ordained a priest in the Dominican order in 1965 and returned to Algeria shortly after Houari Bou-medienne had deposed President Ahmed Ben Bella in a bloodless coup and, suspending the constitution, estab-lished a revolutionary council. of which he was President, to run the country. Claverie taught classical Arabic in Al-



giers. He also concentrated on Islamic studies. He was a level-headed theologian and in 1981 he was consecrated Bish-

op of Oran. Despite being a committed Christian, Claverie was also nicknamed "Bishop of the Muslims". As an Arab speaker and a scholar of Islam he harmoniously and where

had a deep understanding of the Islamic faith and of Muslim people. At a time when Algeria was looking to settle its future, he supported those who wished for independence. nurturing a vision of a united liberal nation where French and Algerians could coexist

inere would be beace and fraternity between those of differing religious belief.

However, well before the riots of 1988, he had voiced his concern about growing corruption in the Government and the consequent poverty of the Algerian people. As he took an increasingly political stance, telling the Islamic authorities that one cannot defend a just cause by dirty means", he found himself in an increasingly dangerous position. Yet he faced up to it with serenity and courage, refusing to leave, even under the terrorist threat of assassination. To go, he said, would only expose his successor to the same risks as those which

he faced. He feit that his staying in Algeria was a sign to the Muslims that their country had not been abandoned to collapse into chaos. This conviction led him to declare that he and other Catholics were ready to "give their lives to fight barbarian violence alongside the Algerians".

Though the police supplied him with a bodyguard, he preferred to drive alone so as not to put the lives of others at risk. He was calm in the face of danger. Just hours before his death he had forecast an upsurge in violence or at least, he said, some spectacular attack to counter the positive effect of de Charette's visit. His ensuing murder was condemned by Muslims and Christian communities alike. But, de Charette said, it would not stop France seeking "calm and cordial relations with Algeria".

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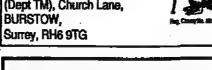
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SHEEP DOG TRIALS. SCENES AT TRING.

The sheep dog trials at Tring Show annually provide the finest display of their kind to be seen in the South of England. It needs a hill country of wild grass and heather to develop such agility in sheep as taxes the skill of shepherd and sheep dog to the utmost; and the headquarters of advanced sheep dog training lie far to the north and the west of the rolling uplands and deep green beechwoods of the Chilterns, at their best, yesterday, in un-clouded August sunshine. But on Tring were again concentrated more than a dozen of the most famous sheep dogs of the West Riding, while from Wales had been imported a flock of white-faced sheep of the mountain breed, wild and nimble enough to prove the northerners'

The tests for the dogs, working singly and in couples, both looked exacting to the verge of distraction. Half a mile away from the spectators, grouped on the grass of Lord-Rothschild's beautiful park, three sheep were periodically disgorged for the single trials from a kind of covered deer-cart. Nearly as far off, a whistle from the shepherd watching under a group of elm-trees sent his dog in strategic prusuit of them. No dog, not even the youngest and least experienced, adopted a

ON THIS DAY

August 6, 1926

Seventy years ago only a few thousand readers would have appreciated this article. Now thanks to One Man and his Dog its subject is enjoyed by millions.

pure frontal attack; but they varied in the speed and stealth of their outlanking movement. In less than a minute the three sprucely clipped mountaineers were disturbed in their obvious programme of an afternoon's juicy feeding on lowland English pastures, and were on the move towards a distant gap between two hurdles.

etween two nurtiles. Much of the fascination of sheep dog trials. lies in the ancient and investerate contrast of the nature of dog and sheep. The dog is all acuteness and stealth, but relies absolutely and without a moment's intermission on the shepherd's signals. To all but his master's voice, whistle, and hand he is both deaf and

blind. He is an automaton perfected by intelligence. The sheep is simply the raw material for his skill to play on. It wants to be let alone, and to go on grazing; when dogs and men pursue it, it has rarely enough sense to adopt any definite counter-plan, but runs aimlessly in a new direction. Half the shepherd's secret when sheep are moving is to let well alone; many times yesterday, after almost maddening exhibitions of unconscious perversity, the sheep slipped literally "like iambs" through the narrow wicket.

Two wide gaps in rows of hurdles had to be passed, and then one much narrower. Beyond this, the shepherd for the first time helped his dog at close quarters, and not only by signals. Hat in hand, with alternate cries of blandishment and intimidation, be steers the puzzled sheep towards a bollow cross of paired hurdles, with the dog as his partner. The sheep see no sense in these hurdles, and are uninterested, if not actively recalciprant; they see plenty of ways of passing the mirales, and try most of them, before they are miraculously coaxed through. Their gregarioussess is the trump care of dog and man; once one sips in where it is writted the other received. where it is wained the others usually follow, yet not without exasperating exceptions. Last and most incredible of all, all three sheep are safely corralled in a minute triangular pen :

Too many companies

'have overlooked EU

work time directive'

any companies providing business and facili-

ties management ser-

vices have underestimated the

potential impact of the European

Union's working time directive,

according to the Business Services

Norman Rose, director-general,

says that while attention has fo-

cused on the prospect of a 48-hour

working week, the regulations cov-ering other aspects of working life, from the length and frequency of daily and weekly rest periods to the duration of annual leave, have been

overlooked. He also says that the

directive will impose an additional

The Business Services Associ-

ation has submitted a paper to the Department of Trade and Industry

outlining problems that it claims

Mr Rose says: "The business

services industry uses a variety of

working patterns, from continuous

and split shifts to days plus overtime in order to provide the customer with a flexible service that

can quickly adapt to seasonal and

special function requirements. At a

catering establishment, for exam-

ple, it is often difficult to predict

customer flow, which can be erratic in response to the weather, time,

opportunities to eat or drink, social

factors or the unpredictable out-

come of the main attraction. This is

particularly true of sporting or

"Customers at airports, stations,

shopping and leisure centres place

demanding requirements on the

providers of cleaning, catering,

maintenance and security services

who must provide a consistently

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burden on record-keeping.

the directive will cause.

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high level of service whatever the traffic flow." Potential problems

The directive stipulates a rest

period of 11 hours in each 24 hours.

This could affect split shifts or shift

rotas where an employee moves

It may be impossible to extend

shifts to cover unforeseen deman.

staff absences or equipment

The directive requires a weekly

uninterrupted rest period of at least

24 hours in addition to the daily

rest period. This may stop employ-

ees from voluntarily earning over-

time payments.

Maximum working week

The stipulation is 48 hours includ-

ing overtime. The association says

some employees wish to work well

beyond 48 hours for personal or

financial reasons. In some occupa-

tions it would be detrimental to a

particular process for workers not

The minimum under the directive

is three weeks, rising to four in 1999. Where blue-collar works a receive two weeks' holiday, the entitlement will be doubled. This

could add 4 per cent to overheads.

Government to make maximum

use of escape clauses. In particular it wants managers to be excluded.

It says companies that maintain records purely for calculating wages will have to establish new procedures and train supervisory

and management staff to keep

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cumulative totals of hours worked.

The association is urging the

to be able to work longer.

Paid annual leave

cited by the association are:

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Weekly rest periods

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failures.

Credit union ardour puts banks in their place

By BRIAN COLLETT

OWNERS of small businesses in Lancashire and Cumbria have set up a credit union to give better terms than the high street banks.

The regional group of the Federation of Small Businesses is operating the credit union, offering services to any of its 3,000

A credit union can be formed by a group whose members have a common bond and make monthly contributions. In this case the bond is membership of the federation's Lancashire and Cumbria region, but in other cases it could be membership of a village hall or being employed by the same company.

Many business owners in the

region had become dissatisfied with high interest rates on bank loans and short repayment periods, and disliked having to risk, their homes as collateral,

Ken DeVonald, the federation's spokesman, said that busiesses were attracted to the idea of a credit union by the legal limit of a 12.68 annual percentage rate on loans, made possible partly because the union is owned by its members and does not pay

Neil Daws, its treasurer, said: "For many years the self-employed and small business owners have complained at the way banks have treated them.

We know that credit unions can sometimes cut the cost of borrowing. The credit union may also give a better dividend to members who wish to

The Lancashire and Cumbria credit union has been two years in the making, "Now it will take two or three months to take off," said Mr DeVonald

It could be the first of many in the federation. Members in the neighbouring northeast England region are already showing an

Britain's first credit union was formed in Skelmersdale, Lancashire, in 1980. Britain now has 500 and the number is expected to double in the next five years.

More details of the Lancashire and Cumbria business people's credit union can be obtained by contacting 01772 712033.

Fairground craftsman has collectors in a spin

By DAVID ASKHAM

used to be, as Woody White discovered when he launched his specialist woodcarving business in Somerset in 1987. Very few craftsmen, particularly in the United Kingdom, were able to replicate classical fairground animals and build ornate fairground organ fronts. In a very few years his skills have become recognised by collectors worldwide and his work is also much in

demand by fairground operators.

It was disenchantment with the building industry that caused Mr White to start his own business, working, initially, in his homebased workshop. But the arrival of a commission to build and carve a new organ front forced him to look around for bigger premises.

Fortunately the Rural Develop-ment Commission came to his rescue and helped him to obtain planning permission to convert two redundant farm buildings in Bleadon, his home village near Weston-super-Mare. Mr White is meticulous about the timber he uses. He procures his own timber, mostly limewood, and dries it in kilns which he designed and built.

Mr White's fairground animals have been exported to many countries. His main clients are in North America, Australia and Japan. Private collectors sometimes commission him to make juvenile carousels for use in fundraising for charities. Others commission specimen carved wooden animals for use as "masters" which are then replicated in synthetic materials -

"It may be a working

a much cheaper route for commercial fairground operators.

The demand for carved wooden

fairground animals for use as lounge furniture really surprised Mr White. One client asked him to make a full-size unicorn. It became the first of several ordered by other

The inspiration for new carvings often comes from discussions with his customers. Sometimes they send him photographs or drawings which provide the basis for a new subject. Typical examples are a Japanese bear for the Orient and a fire-breathing dragon for New

Research is very important when tackling a well-known subject such as galloping horses for a fair-ground ride. Mr White explains: There are very traditional designs for fairground horses, in England and America. For example, English horses go round clockwise, whereas American gallopers ride anti-

Mr White has employed a young apprentice and his son, Matthew, works full-time in the machine workshop. Mr White also devotes Monday evenings to training students and last year sponsored a Russian woodcarver for a month while he learnt how to carve English fairground animals.

Prices range from £300 for a painted miniature horse, through El.350 for a painted unicorn for a lounge, to E2.200 for a full-size carousel figure.

Mr White can be contacted on 01934 815374.

The fourth version of LawteX, a

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was created by Miles James and

Ken Overend-Edwards, two Wrex-

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Hairdressers who rent out facil-

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stylists face paying VAT after a

tribunal ruling, Moores Rowland,

chartered accountants, says.



Woody White is recognised worldwide for his woodcarving skills

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Many salons use self-employed stylists to stay below the VAT limit. A VAT tribunal has ruled that the charge is taxable.

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Technology use by small businesses has more than doubled in a decade, says a report from NatWest and the Open University's Small Business Research

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☐ Members of a business leadership team set up by the South London Training and Enterprise Council are to visit small companies to listen to their problems. In conjunction with London First,

which aims to attract business to the capital, they hope to be able to suggest solutions as part of a campaign to promote prosperity in

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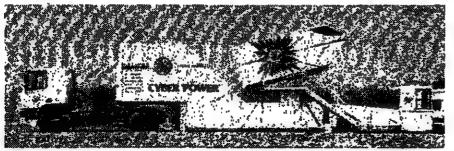
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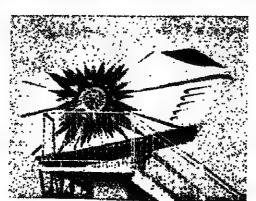
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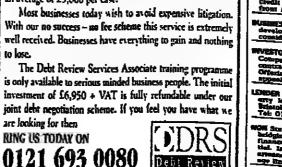
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the lending institution's bank ac-

count; but it does not follow that

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acquired can be identified with the property which the lending institu-

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"In truth, section 15(1) is here being invoked for a purpose for

which it was never designed, and for which it does not legislate."

Holt submitted that the applicant pleaded guilty under what seemed

to be misapprehension of law. The

House of Lords had made plain

that the applicant was not guilty of

the offence with which he was

charged under section 15 and, accordingly, he was imprisoned for commission of an offence he

did not commit, and the conviction

Their Lordships had had, how-

ever, the benefit of the argument

by Mr Perry. He submitted that,

while the court had power to

extend the 28 days time limit for

leave to appeal, the courts had

traditionally been reluctant to do

so save where the extension sought

was short and good reason was shown for the failure to do so in

In the ordinary run of cases the

extension sought was a matter of

days and the application was

usually made because of some

mishap or misunderstanding or

administrative delay in the settle-ment of documents. Such indul-

gence had not traditionally been

shown where a defendant acting

on advice had pleaded guilty or had taken a conscious decision not

founded that the court should be

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Mortgage fraud appeal fails

Regina v Hawkins (Paul) Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice. Mr Justice Owen and Mr Justice Connell [Judgment July 31]

A seif-confessed mortgage fraudster failed in an application for a seven-month extension of time to apply for leave to appeal out of time against conviction after the House of Lords, in another case, had decided that counts under section 15(1) of the Thefi Acr 1968 to which he had pleaded guilty had been invoked for a purpose for which it was never

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, refused an application by Paul Nigel Hawkins, aged 38, from conviction in November 1994 at Bradford Crown Court (Judge Cockrost) after pleas of guilty to five counts of obtaining property by deception, contrary to section 15(1) of the 1968 Act, two counts of attempting to obtain property by deception, contrary to section 17(1)(b) of the 1968 Act and one count of attempting to obtain property by deception, contrary to section I(I) of the Criminal Atempts Act 1981.

He was sentenced to two years imprisonment concurrent on each count. Three counts to which he pleaded not guilty were ordered to

On appeal sentences of 18 concurrent were

Section 17 of the 1968 Act provides: "(I) Where a person dishonestly, with a view to gain for himself or another or with intent to cause loss to another ... (b) in furnishing information for any purpose produced or makes use of any account, or any such record of document as aforesaid, which to his knowledge is or may b e misleading, false or deceptive in a material particular . . . shall . . . be liable to imprisonment.

applicant: Mr David Perry and Mr John Muir for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court. said that in summer 1990 the applicant began to purchase houses in the Huddersfield area, his aim being to buy the houses and then renovate them and let them out to tenants.

The applicant did not himself possess funds with which to buy and renovate the houses and accordingly he approached a number of building societies, falsely pretending that he was acquiring the houses for his own occupation. In making the applications he provided false particulars as to his name, age, place of residence, employment, income and gave

In that way he was able to acquire some houses. He made some additional applications which were unsuccessful.

He received advances which amounted to something over £300,000 from various building societies for the purchase of those houses. He also received, it was said, sums from the local authority by way of housing benefit, but that was in issue.

At the time of the trial arrears had built up in certain of the advances and he found himself in difficulty with others as a result of the recession in the property market. It was impossible to put any precise figure on the losses of the building societies had suffered, doubtless it was a substantial sum.

His Lordship turned first to the substance of this application in reference the two counts under section 17(1)(b), concerning his pleas of guilty to counts 5 and 15 of the indicament. Recitation of the terms of count was sufficient for present purposes: "Statement of offence: furnish-

ing false information, contrary to section 17(b) of the Theft Act 1968. Hawkins on August 26 1993, in furnishing information required by the Manchester Building Society, dishonestly and with a view to with intent to cause loss to another. produced to the said building society a document, namely, a letter from Simpson Builders as to the cost of proposed work at 4. Scarhouse Lane, Huddersfield which to his knowledge was misleading, false or deceptive in material particulars, namely: (i) that the firm existed: (ii) that the firm authorised the issue of the letter: (iri) that the work specified in the said letter had been completed by the firm: tiv) that the total cost (including VAT) was Ell.686."

Mr Holt made a point about the reference to the section in the indictment was to section 17(b) which, as it stood, was inaccurate More significantly he complained that the particulars made no reference to the production of documents for an accounts or for any accounting purpose. He submitted that the essence of the offence depended on relating it to accounts or accounting purpose and that the omission was significant

On behalf of the Crown, it was argued that no such reference was required and to include such ige would make the particul lars of the offence unnecessarily

and undesirably complex. His Lordship said that it was quite plain that the statement of statutory reference and that the particulars of offence should have made reference to accounts or accounting documents.

No such objections were taken below, nor was it suggested that there was any misapprehension below on the part of the applicant as to what in either of the two cases to which he was pleading guilty.

Furthermore it was not sug-gested that the documents to which detailed reference was made in both counts did not satisfy the requirements of section 17(1)(b). It was not suggested that the applicant had been in any way prejudiced or embarrassed in the conduct of his case by the

In their Lordships' judgment it was clear that, if those points had been taken below there would have been an application to amend the indictment, it would have been granted and those deliciencies would have been remedied there and then. The submission was of the highest technicality and was not, in their Lordships' view, a ground on which any appeal could

The application for an extension of time for leave to appeal against conviction on the two section 17(1)(b) counts was refused.

As to the application relating to the convictions under section 15 and the related attempt conviction: again the applicant had pleaded guilty, and again he was out of

It was plain that the application to challenge those convictions was prompted by the decision of the House of Lords in R v Preddy (The Times July 11: [1996] 3 WLR 255]. The case concerned convictions

for mortgage fraud and the facts were indistinguishable from the present appeal. The convictions were recorded under section 15(1) of the 1968 Act. Those convictions were quashed and the reason why appeared from the speech of Lord Goff of Chieveley (p364):

The crucial question, as I see it, is whether the defendant obtained or attempted to obtain property belonging to another. Let it be assumed that the lending institution's bank account is in credit, and that there is therefore no difficulty in identifying a credit balance standing in the account as representing property, ie a chose in action, belonging to the lending institution.

"The question remains, however, whether the debiting of the lending institution's bank account. and the corresponding crediting of the bank account of the defendant or his solicitor, constitutes obtain-

ing of that property.

The difficulty in the way of that conclusion is simply that, when the bank account, and the corresponding crediting of the bank account of the defendant (or his solicitor) is credited, he does not obtain the lending institution's chose in action. "On the contrary that chose in

action is extinguished or reduced pro tanto, and a chose in action is brought into existence represent-ing a debt in an equivalent sum

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satisfied that good reason existed owed by a different bank to the for granting leave out of time in defendant or his solicitor. In these circumstances, it is difficult to see how the defendant thereby obsuch circumstances. Counsel went on to submit that a tained property belonging to

change in the law since the date of another, ie to the lending instituconviction or plea of guilty had not usually been regarded as a good "Professor Sir John Smith, in his reason for granting an extens time in which to appeal: R v Lesser Court of Appeal in the present case ((1939) 27 Cr App R 69); R v Romsden ([1972] Crim L R 547); Re suggested: 'Effectively, the victim's Berkeley ([1445] Ch 1); and R v Mitchell ((1977) 65 Cr App R 185. property has been changed into and equivalent loss which is characteristic of, and perhaps the

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His Lordship commented that, in Mitchell even on facts described by Lord Justice Lane as "unusual if not almost unique" the court showed considerable reluctance to grant leave.

As their Lordships read the authorities it was plain that there was no inflexible rule but the general practice was one which set its face against re-opening convic-tions in the Court of Apipeal in such circumstances. Mr Perry submitted, and in their Lordships judgment correctly, that the court's practice in the past had been to eschew technicality and ask whether any substantial injustice had been done: R v McHugh ((1977) 64 Cr Ap R 92; R v Ayres ([1984] AC 447; R v Pickford ([1995] QB 203) and R v Atolyneur ((1981) 72 Cr App

Their Lordships asked, therefore, in the present case whether the applicant was able tyo demonstrate any substantial injury. They put aside the section 17(1)(b) convictions but it did seem plain that other counts could have been laid under that section and, if objection had been taken on the present grounds under section 15(t), additional counts would probably have been preferred. It was difficult to know what answer there could possibly have been to such counts had they been

Having had the benefit of argument on behalf of the Crown and of applicant on questions invulved in convictions of their under section I and alternative verdicts under sections 1, 2(i)(a) and 17(i)(b) of the 1968 Act in view of facts admitted by the applicant by his pleas of guilty, their Lordships were satisfied that the two questions were seriously arguable and raised legal issues by no means simple or free from controversy.

It seemed overwhelmingly likely that the time would come when the correctness of each proposition would have to be decided. However, their Lordships did not find it necessary to express a concluyed view on either for the purposes of the apolication.

They, therefore, confronted the substantial question and asked whether this was one of those erceptional cases in which extension of time should be granted.

They concluded that, on the facts of the present case, it was not. There was no substantial injury to leave was refused. itore: Pohert

Co, Croydon; Crown Prosecution

Contested committal is quashed

Ex parte Williams Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Goff of Chieveley. Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle. Lord Browne-Wil-

kinson and Lord Cooke of Thorndon

|Speeches July 24| A committal for trial by jury in the crown court could be quashed on judicial review if there had been no admissible evidence before the justices of the defendant's guilt. notwithstanding that after the committal the prosecution had served witness statements pointing to such guilt.

The House of Lords so held when allowing an appeal by Julie Ann Williams from the dismissal by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Butler-Slass and Mr Justice McCullough) on December 5, 1994 of her motion for an order of certiorari to quash the decision of the Bedwellty Justices, sitting at Blackwood Magistrates' Court, to commit her to stand trial at the crown court on a charge that she and four others conspired to co-defendants did not contest their

Mr Patrick Curran, QC and Mr David Wynn Morgan for the applicant: Mr Bruce Houlder, QC and Mr Mark Furness for the prosecution; the justices did not appear and were not represented.

LORD COOKE said that at the committal proceedings no wit-nesses were called, but the prosecution produced written ma-terial including extracts from transcripts of tape-recorded police interviews made under caution in which the other four defendants admitted the conspiracy and three of them implicated the applicant The applicant denied participating in any conspiracy.

The justices appeared to have

treated the written material as statements admissible against the applicant under sections 6 and 102 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980. However, the Crown Prosecution Service admined that there had been before the justices no admissible evidence of guilt gainst the applicant. Witness statements from each of

the other four defendants had since been served by the Crown on the applicant's solicitors. It was not in dispute that they included evidence pointing to her guilt, but they had course the makers of the statements had not been cross-examined, nor would there be any opportunity to cross-examine them fore trial.

To convict or commit for trial without any admissible evidence of guilt was to fall into an error of law. Certiorari was available to quash a committal for such an error and the only issue presenting any difficulty related to the exercise the court's discretion.

in the event of a grave miscarriage committal but was in truth in- indictment under \$18.7

Regina v Bedwellty Justices, of justice the Divisional Court might quash a committal for trial in England or Wales, but contended that there was no such miscarriage here and that the deficiency in the prosecution case had been cured by the service of the witness statements. And he stressed that remedies other than certiorari would be available if the prosecution were ever in any case to evince an intention to go to trial

without any truly admissible evi-

dence of guilt. The main plank in the answer-ing argument of Mr Curran was at no alternative remedy would give the applicant the opportunity of cross-examining the makers of the witness statements before trial. He maintained that sundry dis crepancies, both between the several witness statements and between the police statements on interview and the witness state ments, might provide fertile

ground for cross-examination. At present the applicant had the right to cross-examine by virtue of section 4(2) of the 1980 Act. The Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 included provision for the abolition of committal proceedings and their replacement by a "transfer for trial procedure in which cross-examination could play no part. But those provisions had not yet been brought into force, and amendments were proposed.

The right to cross-examine at a preliminary hearing found no place in most human rights instruments, perhaps in none. It might not long survive anywhere in the United Kingdom.

Nevertheless the case had to be determined on the footing that the be of significant value, at least of a tactical kind, to the defence. Their Lordships were not entitled to prefer a changed conception of the public interest to the clear statu-

His Lordship concluded that under the present statute law, a committal by examining justices could and normally should be quashed in judicial review proceedings if there was before them no admissible evidence of the defendant's guilt.

As no allegedly alternative remedy would give the defence the right to cross-examine before trial, the service before trial of further witness statements could commonly make no difference.

At least to the extent that it supported those conclusions, the House ought to adhere to and apply the decision in the Northern Ireland appeal Neill v North Antrim Magistrates' Court [1992] WLR 1220).

in that case Lord Mustill had emphasised that relief should not be granted as a matter of course. speech differentiated two by examining justices of important Mr Houlder did not dispute that evidence which influenced the caused, it may be the sub

admissible: second, a simple insufficiency of evidence to justify the committal.

As for the first class of case, exemplified by Neill, Lord Mustill had propounded the tests of really substantial error leading to manifest injustice and irregularity having substantial consequences for the defendant. The speech left open the law as to the second class of case.

It would be both illogical and unsatisfactory to hold that the law of judicial review should distin-guish in principle between a committal based solely on inadmissible evidence and a commit tal based solely on evidence not reasonably capable of supporting it. In each case there was in truth no evidence to support the commit-tal and it was therefore open to

quashing on judicial review. None the less there was a practical distinction. If justices had en of the opinion on admissible put the accused on trial, normally on a judicial review application a court would rightly be slow

to interfere at that stage.

The question would more appropriately be dealt with on a no-case submission at the close of the prosecution evidence, when the worth of that evidence could be better assessed by a judge who had heard it, or even on a pre-trial application grounded on abuse of process. In practice successful judicial review proceedings were likely to be rare in both classes of case, and especially rare in the second class.

The more troublesome situation was that which arose in Neill: a committal much influenced by inadmissible evidence, yet some admissible evidence remaining or which the justices might properly have committed, although it could not be assumed that they would

Possibly more than one solution of such an issue could be pro-pounded. But Neill came down in favour of quashing, and in the interests of judicial consistency their Lordships ought not to depart

from that quite recent ruling.

The applicant's committal would be quashed, thus leaving the prosecution free to initiate committal proceedings against her on the same charge. Lord Keith, Lord Goff, Lord Jauncey and Lord Browne-Wil-

Solicitors: Hugh James Jones & Jenkins, Bargoed; Crown Prosecution Service. Headquarters.

Correction

in R v Burstow (The Times July 30) gan. Criminal Law should have read: "If harm is caused without the use of force, it is not inflicted but, if grievous and intentionally

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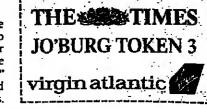
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point if they draw and have a point docked if they lose. If Keegan was dismissed or moved to a club outside the Premiership or Scottish League premier division, you would have to buy a new

manager for your tearn. There are two methods by

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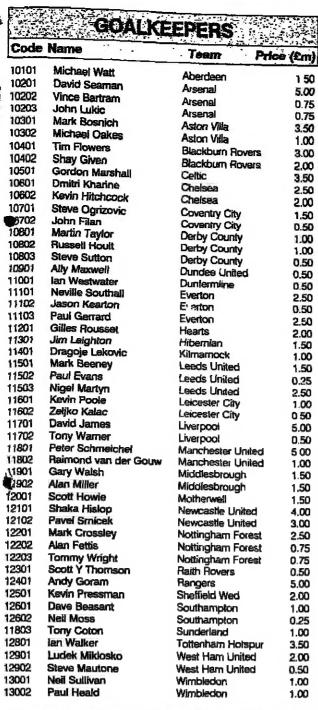
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42801	Darren Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	5.50
42802	Ruel Fox	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00
42803	David Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00
42804	Jason Dozzeli	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00
42805	Andy Sinton	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50
42806	Ronnie Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50
42807	Gerry McMahon	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50
42808	Andy Turner	Tottenham Hotspur	0.25
42809	Alian Nielsen	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50
42901	Paolo Futre	West Ham United	3.50
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42903	Michael Hughes	West Ham United	2.00
42904	Danny Williamson	West Ham United	1.50
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42907	Stan Lazarides	West Ham United	0.25
43001	Robbie Earle	Wimbledon	4.00
43002	Oyvind Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50
43003	Marcus Gayle	Wimbledon	2.00
43004	Vinnie Jones	Wimbledon	1.50
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50202	John Hartson	Arsenal	3.50
50204	Paul Dickov	Arsenal	0.75
50205	Chris Kiwomya	Arsenal	0.50
50301	Dwight Yorke	Aston Villa	7.50
50302	Savo Milosevic	Aston Villa	5.00
50303	Tommy Johnson	Aston Villa	4.00
50304	Julian Joachim	Aston Villa	2.00
50402	Kevin Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	3.00
50404	Chris Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50

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50301	Dwight Yorke	Aston Villa	7.50
50302	Savo Milosevic	Aston Villa	5.00
50303	Tommy Johnson	Aston Villa	4.00
50304	Julian Joachim	Aston Villa	2.00
50402	Kevin Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	3.00
50404	Chris Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50
50405	Graham Fenton		2.50
50406	Niklas Gudmundsson		1.00
50501	Pierre van Hooijdonk	Celtic	7.00
50502	Jorge Cadete	Celtic	6.00
50601	Gianluca Vialli	Cheisea	5.00
50602	Mark Hughes	Cheisea	4.00
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50701	Noel Whelan	Coventry City Coventry City	6.00
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	Owen Coyle	Dundee United	2.00
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51002	Stewart Petrie	Dunfermline	2.00
51101	Duncan Ferguson	Everton	6.00
51102	Graham Stuart	Everton	3.00
51104	Paul Rideout	Everton	2.00
51201	John Robertson	Hearts	3.50
51202	Colin Cameron	Hearts	3.50
51301	Keith Wright	Hibernian	3.00
51302	Danen Jackson	Hibemlan	3.00
51401	Paul Wright	Kilmamock	
51402	Steve Maskrey	Kilmarnock	2.50
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NEWS

Post Office loses letters monopoly

■ The Post Office's monopoly on delivering letters was suspended for a month after union leaders announced four more one-day strikes to follow today's stoppage.

Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, said that for the first time in 25 years, private companies would be allowed to deliver letters with a postage of less than £1. There are no plans for talks about the dispute and more strikes were announced for August 14, 22 and 30 and September 2.....

Benefit informants set lines buzzing

Hundreds of callers used the new national confidential "shop-a-benefit-cheat" telephone line within hours of its launch. More than 200 rang within the first 60 minutes of the service being set up by Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary. The day's total was 1,650.....

Ringing the changes

Plans to introduce a new system of telephone codes just 16 months after the last major overhaul were criticised by consumers facing a multi-million pound bill to accomodate the changes ... Page 1

March banned

Police in Belfast banned a loyalist parade from passing through a nationalist area of the city in the hope of reducing sectarian tensions during a weekend of contentious marches...Page 2

Blair policy shift

Tony Blair is preparing to delay Introduction of the Social Chapter and to abandon Labour's commitment to co-opting workers on to company boards in a radical shift of European policy ... Page 2

Farmer shot burglar

A farmer who marked his property with a sign 'Never mind the dog, beware of the owner', fired at a burglar with a shotgun, a court ...Page 3

Highway robbery

Teenage muggers who terrorised Cambridge were jailed after a judge branded them modern-day highwaymen. Many victims were undergraduates... ..Page 3

Cattle cull call

Beef farmers called for a radical extension of the cattle cull, including the option of slaughtering whole herds that have had a case of "mad cow" disease...... Page 4

Abortion dilemma

An obstetrician is refusing to tell a patient that anti-abortion organisations are offering her thousands of pounds if she decides against aborting one of her healthy unborn twins Page 5 Off the hooker

Prostitutes who persistently advertise in telephone boxes are to have all calls to their number blocked in an attempt to banish

their cards, which are placed by £100-a-day "carders"..... Page 6 Roman Britain

Verulamium was every bit as prosperous as today's St Albans: it had exquisite mosaics, a fine theatre, hypocausts and what may have been Roman Britain's first public lavatory......Page 8 Israeli peace plan

The Israeli Government has submitted a secret peace proposal to Syria via the United States last weekend and is hopeful of a positive reply .. Dole tax carrot

Bob Dole called for \$548 billion of tax cuts to galvanise his presiden-

tial campaign, including a 15 per cent across-the-board personal income tax cut...

ANC audit rejected

The ANC has rejected a call for an independent audit of its finances after President Mandela was allegedly involved in a corruption scandai ..

Royal Mail delivers stamp controversy

■ A new Royal Mail set of stamps of "great 20th-century women" celebrating the sculptor Elisabeth Frink, the scientist Dorothy Hodgkin, the ballerina Margot Fonteyn, the author Daphne du Maurier and the sports administrator Marea Hartman brought protests from the worlds of writing, acting, music and publishing about better candidates ...



Bob Champion on Aldaniti, with whom he won the Grand National, in the Mall on the last leg of his "Ride for Life" from the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh to Buckingham Palace. The three-week ride aims to raise £1 million for cancer research

BUSINESS

Interest hopes: An unexpected fail in industrial output during June resurrected hopes of an autumn interest rate cut..... Page 23 Banking: Shares in HSBC, owner

of Midland Bank, jumped 48p to 1164p after the group unveiled better than expected half-year ... Page 23 Newspapers: Pearson, the media and entertainment group, is to sell Westminster Press for £305 million to Newsquest Media, a British company backed by America's leading buyout firm...... Page 23

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 17.7 points to close at 3788.3. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 84.1 to 84.2 after a rise from \$1.5425 to \$1.5437 and from DM2.2795 to DM2.2865.... Page 26 of South Africa ...

SPORT

Olympic Games: Success at the Games will only come at a price as standards improve. The Government must show more than a passing concern for the British display in Atlanta .

Cricket: Only 7,000 tickets have been sold for the first day on Thursday of the critical second Test match between England and Pakistan at Headingley...... Page 44 Golf: Laura Davies, of Britain, further enhanced her reputation on the world stage when won her fourth major championship in a whirlwind finish.... Page 42

Rugby union: Martin Offiah, who has signed to become a cross-code player, has been confirmed as a contender for the British Lions tour

ARTS

Images of art: Intense, disturbing, compelling and intriguing: those are the words to describe the current show at Oxford's Museum of Modern Art...

Cinematic aid: Geoff Brown has doubts about government proposals to fund the ailing British film industry through the National Lottery . .Page 31

Damp drama: Robin Lefevre's production of Brian Friel's Translations is on at the Abbey in Dublin, but it doesn't have the vigour or energy to impress.... ...Page 31 Music man: Mikhail Plemev and his Russian National Orchestra, which boasts some of the country's greatest players, are coming to the Proms at the Albert Hall this

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R. Webb on no-sweat

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BODY AND MIND

Mind Watching: The mystery of dreaming; the meaning of dreams; sit comfortably and meditate; can machines really think like humans? Page 12

Twice as good, twice as bad: The joys and problems of coping with twins must never be underestimated Page 13

Astonishing courage: Valentin Dikul broke his back in a circus accident. He worked out how to walk again and now helps

LAW

Law unto themselves: Is the present age of criminal responsibility for children really doing them justice?.... ...Page 33 Woolf report: His plans for streamlining the civil justice system may actually end up increasingPage 35

Superlawyer: Can the new legal recruitment agencies that are springing up really provide what the law firms need?Page 36

THE PAPERS The Atlanta Games were fun despite their rough edges and single moment of profound sadness. Future Olympic Games may well be every bit as big and bold and brassy. But step carefully. Big and bold is close to elephantine and inert. And as Atlanta showed, the Games are getting closer to that

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Losing out

Every fraud halted by the social security hotline will ensure that more money is available to main tain a civilized level of provision for the poor and insure each critical against life's vicissitudes _ Page 15

Croatian roulette

President Tudjman has consistently outwitted European and United Nations negotiators. Mr Tudiman is a hard man, who has the political instincts of an autocrat. He needs to be addressed in similar

Keep the lid on

Certain things are typical of London: red double-decker buses and telephone boxes, black taxi cabs and policemen in legionary helmets. They are efficient as well as peculiar....

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That oddly-composed body the Human Fernilisation and Embryology Authority has seemed to accent without question that the happiness of potential parents outweighs any mystical reverence for the processes of nature, or serious philosophical search for the moment when a human individual comes into being

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I can cut taxes and public spending at a stroke by £5 billion a year. Over time, I could reduce the State's role to an Asian-style 30 per cent of GDP without hurting a single public service.....

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Geoff Hamilton, gardener, Donovan Clibborn, former Ambassador to El Salvador: Mgr Pierre-Claverie, Bishop of Oran .. Page 17.

Letters Looking back on the Olympics;

women's protest against arms for Indonesia; privatising Civil Service recruitment; pension debt, eating sardines without prescription.....

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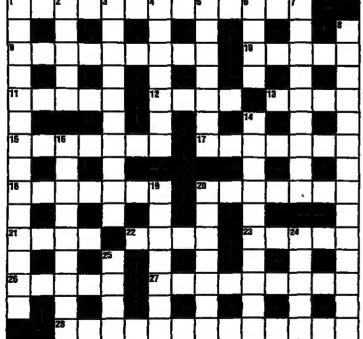
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- venison (4).
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- Channel (7). 17 One who gradually gets to the point as bringer of light? (7).
- 18 Stone-throwers in the animal kingdom (7).
- 20 Rising, perhaps, to embrace old gentlemen (7).

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- light touch (4).
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- 23 Outstanding triumph compassed by own goal initially
- 26 Flower gardener honestly displays (5).
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- 2 It may be liquid donkey consumed audibly (5).
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- 5 Important chap accepting a payment in advance (7).
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- Enormous hit mother's idol appears in likewise (9). 8 Unable to catch kid identified to
- 14 Airway's security flap as one pilot gets clobbered (10).

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- 16 Convert trams for rerouting around north (9). 19 Let it be! Issue is something for the
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